

A stylized green graphic on a light gray background. On the left is a football, depicted with several curved lines to represent its laces. To the right of the football is a football helmet, also shown with curved lines. A diagonal line, possibly representing a field or a path, runs from the bottom left towards the top right, passing between the football and the helmet.

TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

On Both Sides of the Tracks



The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It then proceeds to a literature review, followed by a description of the methodology used. The results of the study are presented in the next section, followed by a discussion of the findings and their implications. The paper concludes with a summary of the main points and a list of references.

The research was conducted in a systematic and rigorous manner, following the principles of good research practice. The data collected was analyzed using appropriate statistical methods, and the results were presented in a clear and concise manner. The findings of the study are discussed in detail, and their implications for practice are explored. The paper is well-structured and easy to read, and it provides a valuable contribution to the field.

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On Both Sides of the Tracks



Above, Sophomore Haleigh Suarez decorates junior Joe Franko's locker to ask him if he would go to sectionals with her.

Below, Kelly Jansky, senior, goes class to class collecting donations that were brought in for the annual Thanksgiving Drive sponsored by the National Honor Society.



Above, Mrs. Klochan's Junior Choice Class proudly displays the Turkey Trophy for collecting the largest monetary donation for the Whiting Food Pantry.



Above, Seniors Eileen Mills-Groninger and Stephanie Perz dress up for Whiting's first ever Madrigal performance held in December.



Left, Mr. Nichols' Sophomore Choice Class is pleased to pose with their Can-O-Peas Award which they earned for collecting the most non-perishable items during the food drive.

ON BOTH SIDES



"This Science Olympiad Invitational also gave Mr. Nichols and I a new appreciation for the world that goes into making a tournament like that possible."

**Science Olympiad
Co-Sponsor
Mr. Long**



"The first and best thing about this year is that I'm not a freshman anymore so I only have three years of high school to complete. And I think another good thing is I'm a lot more mature so I can deal with things better than I could before."

**Courtney Mean
sophomore**



"The teachers are a lot nicer to us since it is our last year of school, and seniors ROCK!"

**senior
Destiny Macon**



Left, Having fun at the homecoming dance are sophomores Anna Cervantes and Danny Reyes.



Above, Senior Anthony Adair tells Santa what he wants for Christmas during Breakfast With Santa.



Left, Despite the extremely cold temperatures, these German students had a great time at the Christkindlmarket in Chicago.



Left, Junior Haydee Lara takes a lead as Rusty Raines in "Readin' R'n'n' and 'R'ithmetic," a one-act directed by senior Abby Gadda.

When you think of the sounds in Whiting, some may think about teachers delivering a lesson, talking amongst students, or laughing amongst friends. But when asked what unique sound truly exemplifies WHS, those who have been in Whiting long enough usually share the same response: trains. The bright Friday night lights at the football field bring about the sound of the roaring crowd, intensified by the whistle of the trains which speed by. Inspired by this, this year's Reflector staff decided to go with the theme 'On Both Sides of the Tracks.' So as we start the 2006-2007 school year, once again the students and teachers look forward to another great year. Between athletics, clubs, academics, and fundraising, there is something for everyone to do. This year will be filled with firsts, such as the Science Olympiad Invitational, one-acts directed by seniors, and a Madrigal dinner/performance. Everything is definitely on track for another exciting year at Whiting High School.

William Rebey 1943 - 2003

In recognition of His Dedication
as Both a Teacher and a Coach
for 36 Years at
Whiting High School.

Coach Bill Rebey established the
WHS Wrestling Program in 1966.
Through his devotion of time,
talent, and passion for wrestling,
he has inspired many.

With fond thanks and
remembrance, we salute you,
Coach.

Above is a plaque which will hang outside
the wrestling room in recognition of Mr. Re-
bey's dedication to the Whiting High School
wrestling program as both coach and mentor.



Left, Mr.
Vrabel's
student
teacher Ms.
Helmus
presents a
lecture to
the ninth
grade geog-
raphy class.

Below, Juniors William
Pustek, Michael Rokicki
and Jonathon Lovasko sit at
the table and studying their
material at the WHS Sci-
ence Olympiad Invitational.



Above, During a sectionals
match, Milan Milutinovic,
senior, makes WHS history
by earning 100 career wins.

Below, Junior Victoria Franco,
sophomores Adrianna Cruz, Katie Bajzatt,
Katie Bajda and Zeena Darji show off
their softball championship rings they
were awarded for winning state last season.



Above, WHS welcomes new teach-
er, Mrs. Elva Sotello, who teaches
Advanced Computer Applications.



Left, Sopho-
mores Gab-
by Lopez,
Zeena Darji,
Emily Gaz-
da and Ha-
leigh Suarez
show their
spirit at the
Whiting vs.
Clark game.

"This year I haven't
gotten into any trou-
ble yet, unlike last year
when I got into trouble
all the time."

sophomore
Victor Garcia



"I already like this school year bet-
ter than the last school year because
I can do a lot more things like go to
prom and play golf. I also have met
a few new students and I am one
more year closer to finishing school."

Junior
Santiago Nieto



"Bringing a Science Olympiad
Invitational here to Whiting
was another milestone for our
program. It was a successful in-
vitational that we are looking
forward to hosting annually."

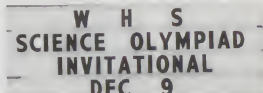
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Mr. Nichols

OF THE TRACKS



Above, Sophomores Emily Gazda
and Mel Dumerich dress alike on
Twins Day during homecoming week.

Below, Senior Abigail Gazda, reach-
es her 1000th career point at a home
game against the Morton Governors.



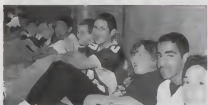
Above, The Science Olympiad team, sponsored by
science teachers Mr. Nichols and Mr. Long,
holds its first invitational at Whiting High School.

Below, The Spanish class enjoys their meal as they dine
at El Fuego Loco Mexican Restaurant during a field trip.



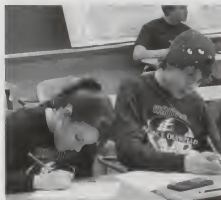
PEOPLE





MAKING NEW TRACKS

2010





Above, The Freshman Class Officers: Secretary **Matthew Keown**; Treasurer **Melissa Rodriguez**; President **Alexia Obregon**; and Vice-President **Amy Mahony**



GETTING ON TRACK

FRESHMEN



David Aguilera



Annamarie Arnold



Kimberly Atteberry



Steven Atteberry



Ryan Augustyn



James Boles



Brittany Bulatovich



Roxena Cardoso



Edgar Carrillo



Tracy Casanova



Antonio Cervantes



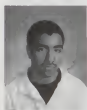
Christine Cervantes



Juan Cervantes



Destiny Conner



Karan Darji



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Silvia Delgado



Shelby Eudakis



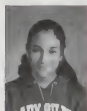
Lauren Ewing



Thomas Flores



Kathleen Francisk



Crystal Godinez



Thomas Grotta



Karina Guerra



Javier Gutierrez



Sarah Jansky



Ilse Jimenez



Amanda Johnson



Monica Kazmierski



Matthew Keown



Lauren Kieltyka



Timothy Kotyuk



Ventura Lechuga



Aldo Lopez



Andrew Lowe



Amy Mahony



Lauren McNinch



Monica Mendoza



Brooke Mijatovic



Michael Misner



Zachary Mora



Sarah Mureiko



Brittany Murzen



Joseph Murzen



Alexia Obregon



Patrick Percianoff



Joseph Raymond



Eduardo Reyes



Ariel Reyna



Melissa Rodriguez



Salvador Salazar



Lorena Santos



Anthony Schatz



Rachel Sherer



Enrique Silva



Erica Simunic



Christopher Slater



Katherine Staley



Chelsea Strabav



Heather Stupek



Ashley Thompson



Meghan Thompson



Lauren Vega



Nicole Visnaiz



Stephanie Viveros



Stephanie Wadkins



Sarah Watluns



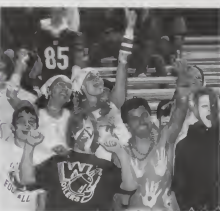
Sarah Wheeler



Jacob Wright

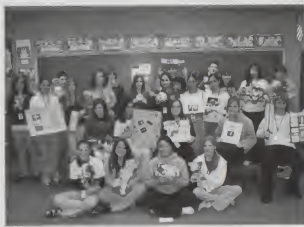
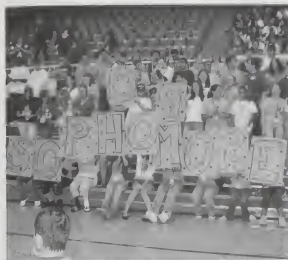
CLASS OF 2010

2009





Above, The Sophomore Class Officers: Vice-President Phil Schillaci; Secretary Caitlin Wrzalinski; Treasurer Adrianna Cruz; and President Taylor Pokraka



STAYING ON TRACK

SOPHOMORES



Robert Anderson



Danny Atteberry



Elizabeth Ayon



Katie R. Bajda



Katherine Bajart



Kelsey Boland



Edward Calderon



Anna Cervantes



Melanie Colon



Adrianna Cruz



Richard Cruz



Tanjardinia Daniels



Zeena Darji



Emily Duha



Melissa Dumezich



Jessica I. Flores



Berenice Frausto



Bennett Frederick



Eduardo Galaviz



Evelyn Garcia



Thomas Garcia



Vianey Garcia



Victor M. Garcia



Ashley Garreffa



Melissa Garza



Emily A. Gazda



Araceli Gomez



Enrique Gomez



Veronica Gomez



Christabel Gutierrez



Emily Henry



Cruz T. Jacinto



Olivia B. Jakovich



Alexis Jakubowski



Bernard Karlow



Julia Kempke



Stacy Kompier



Erin C. Lawson



Alejandro Leddesma



Christopher M. Leon



Gabriela Lopez



Alexis N. Luna



Daniel Macon



Emily A. Matulewicz



Maira Medina



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Charles Meyers



Theresa A. Miller



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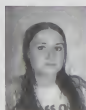
Julian Nevarez



Jessica Marie Nieto



Rachael Orisco



Codee Pennavina



Samantha Perez



Sarah Perez



Christopher Pistello



Taylor C. Pokraka



Brian Rancich



Daniel Reyes



Elizabeth Rodriguez



Eduardo Romero



Phillip D. Schillaci



Sandra Silva



Christine Sivka



Brittany Stoldosa



Macgan Stribiak



Haleigh Suarez



Cecilia Szatkowski



Joshua Thompson



Adrian Torres



Juan Torres



Michael U. Tate



Felicia Virgen



Ryan Willoughby



Courtney Winkleman



Catlin S. Wrzalinski

CLASS OF 2009

2008





Above, The Junior Class Officers: Secretary Victoria Franco; President Erica Arroyo; Vice-President Becca Maslikowski; and Treasurer Ashley Kieltyka



ON THE RIGHT TRACK

JUNIORS



Alexander Anaszewicz



Erica H. Arroyo



Matthew T. Augustyn



Jose Ayala



Tiffany Bayless



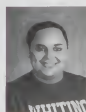
Melanie Becerra



Ashley L. Casillas



Melissa L. Castellano



Jacklyn D. Cervantes



Steven A. Coleman



Lupe delaPaz



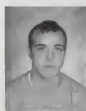
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Lorena Delgado



John Demkowicz II



Jeremy Dumezich



Elise B. Elza



Alicia M. Fentress



Adam J. Flores



Victoria M. Franco



Joseph R. Franko



Jessica M. Garcia



Grecia Gomez



Jonathan Hayes



Jamie Jordan



Emilee Kalocinski



Josef Kelm



Jessica Kempke



Ashley M. Kichyka



Haydee C. Lara



Jonathon Lovasko



Diana Lupo



Amber Lytle



Rebecca Maslikowski



Natalie Mendez



Michelle C. Mirza



Aaron Mitre



Santiago Nieto



Zachary O'Drobinak



Charlie Osorio



Aubrey L. Ostrowski



Samantha Plavec



Natalie Prskalo



William Pustek



Anthony Rodriguez



Michael J. Rokicki



Nathan Sabol



Samantha Thompson



Claudia Torres



John Tustison



Brock Vale



Amy Vanna



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Noah Watkins



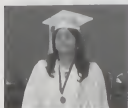
CLASS OF 2008

2007



Above, The Senior Class Officers: Vice-President **Brittney Mansfield**; Secretary **Elizabeth Sahagun**; President **Gerica Arroyo**; and Treasurer **Allison Miller**





ON THE TRACK TO GRADUATION



Branden G. Acheson
"Brando"

Activities: Basketball 1.
Likes: Da Bears, poker, the Sox, basketball, college football, college basketball, UFC, and ping pong.
Dislikes: The Cubs, the Colts, old drivers, country music, "Titanic," winter, chick flicks.
Future Plans: To attend college, graduate, then start a nice family with a picket fence.

Activities: Basketball 1-3, Phys. Comm. 3-4; Softball 1-2; Academic Team 1-4; Science Olympiad 1-4; Booster Club 4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 2-4; Reflector 4; Drama Club 1-4; NHS 1-4; Homecoming Court 4; Sectionals Court 3.
Likes: Strapping, dancing, acting, running, meeting new people, buffalo wings, Justin, being myself, laughing, movies, dorks, Forrest Gump.
Dislikes: Fake people, drinking/smoking, lars, jealousy, gossip, limos, WHS, and naps.
Future Plans: I'm going to IU, Bloomington to major in music education. I also plan on traveling around the world when I'm famous and bring life to its fullest.
Other Awards/Achievements: 2004 Sectional Basketball Champs, Regional qualifier every year for cross-country, 1st Place State Medal for Science Olympiad, All-Conference in Cross-Country, ISSMA.



Gerica Arroyo
"G, Gin"

Class of 2007

Activities: Football 1; Science Olympiad 4; German Club 2-3; Homecoming Court 4.
Likes: Playing sports, all the dances and fun things that go on.
Dislikes: All the drama that went on between students over pointless things.
Future Plans: To go to college and become a computer engineer and then go to law school.



Anthony J. Adair
"Adair"



James Augustyn
"Bones"

Activities: Football 1-4; Baseball 2; Wrestling 1, 3-4; Academic Team 1-4; Science Olympiad 1-4; Student Council 2-3; Drama Club 3-4; German Club 2-3; NHS 3-4; Sectional Court 3.
Likes: Friends, family, sports, Williamsburg, backpack, Vans shoes, "100," the movie.
Dislikes: Annoying people, fake people, people who make fun of people for being in things when they don't even try them, laziness.
Future Plans: Go to school for sports marketing and management.
Other Awards/Achievements: Boys State Delegate, All-Conf, Honorable Mention Football 2-4, 1st at State in Energy Sci/Oly 2004, 3rd in State Fine Arts Academic Team 2005, Rammer Scholarship 2006.



Maria Alvarez

Activities: Tennis 1; Spanish Club 2-4.
Likes: Shopping, eating out, being lazy, music, hanging out with my friends and family.
Dislikes: Onions, liars, diets, waking up early, working.
Future Plans: Taking time off school, then go back a year later and study various things. Also, getting married (someday), having kids, and buying my own house.

Other School Attended: Shepard High School 1.
Activities: Football 2-4; Wrestling 2-4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 2-4; Drama Club 4; Sectionals Court 2.
Likes: Kelly Jansky, eating, going out with friends and hanging out. I especially love to go out with my girlfriend.
Dislikes: Thugs and people who try to be like thugs.
Future Plans: I am going to college and become an operator at BP.
Other Awards/Achievements: Football MVP, Wrestling 2-4; 2-Time Sectional Champ; 3-Time Regional Qualifier; 2-Time Semi State Qualifier; 5th Place Semi-State; captain.



Joseph M. Brown II
"Downtown, JoeBrown"



Richard Luis Cabral

Other School Attended: George Rogers Clark High School 1.
Activities: Spanish Club 2.4.
Likes: Music, reading, sleeping, and cooking.
Dislikes: Exercise and work.
Future Plans: Get an education and have a family.

Activities: Student Council 1-2, Spanish Club 2; Tattler 3-4.
Likes: BW's, Hooters, poker, White Sox, Notre Dame, College sports, detentions, friends.
Dislikes: Books, homework, high school rumors, liars, Monday mornings.
Future Plans: I plan to attend IUN for a semester and then transfer to IU Bloomington and I haven't decided on a major yet.



Daniela Suser Castelan

Activities: Football 1; Science Olympiad 4; Homecoming Court 4.
Likes: Enchiladas, movies, Yahoo, and pants.
Dislikes: Velcro, paying for college, people who wallow in their own problems and don't do anything to fix them.
Future Plans: Go to college and graduate too.
Other Awards/Achievements: Boys State.



Anthony Clemente
"Bean, Wave"

Activities: Basketball 1-3; Baseball 1-4; Reflector 4; Sectional Court 1.
Likes: Poker, baseball, money, Texas.
Dislikes: Liars, fake people, two-faced people, guacamole, tests, driving.
Future Plans: Go to college and soon work at BP Amoco.
Other Awards/Achievements: 1st Team All-Conference Baseball, 2 years Honorable Mention for Basketball, Baseball MVP 2005.



Steven Combs
"Beaver"



Theresa Diaz

Activities: Cross-Country 1-4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 2; Baseball 1-4; Booster Club 4; Reflector 4; German Club 2-4; Homecoming Court 2-4; Sectional Court 4.
Likes: Notre Dame, baseball, Gatorade, pickup trucks, Chicago, friends, ESPN, TMNT, snow, working out, money, and weekends.
Dislikes: Anyone who beats Notre Dame, liars, tests, quizzes, smell of Whining, cheerers, rap, sleeping in, and high school.
Future Plans: Attend Saint Joseph's College and major in physical education. Marry the woman of my dreams, move to Chicago and have two kids, a boy and a girl. Get rich and buy Notre Dame season tickets.
Other Awards/Achievements: 3-Time MVP for Cross-Country, German Club secretary, 7-Time varsity letter winner.



Julianna Cruz
"Juli, Juju"

Activities: Football Manager 1, Spanish Club 2; Reflector 3-4.
Likes: Cooking, family, shopping, dogs, softball, Cubs, going out with my friends, my cell phone, all kinds of music.
Dislikes: Rude people, people who turn their backs on you, Sox, people who talk about people behind their backs and not to their faces, spiders.
Future Plans: My future plans are to attend Vincennes University for culinary arts. Then, after that, I want to move to Florida and go back to school for business.

Activities: Tennis 1-4, cheerleading 4, Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 1, Tattler 3-4; Homecoming Court 1-4; Homecoming Queen.
Likes: My friends, family, dancing, tennis, going to parties, clubs, sex-outs with my family and friends, summer, hot sauce, road trips, music, boys (of course), and just having fun with the people I care about while we're still young.
Dislikes: Backstabbers, liars, rude, judgmental people, and bugs.
Future Plans: Attend college, open my own spa when I get out (hopefully in Chicago), then later get married and start a family. Oh yeah... become rich and famous!



Kathleen DeLaney
"Kat"

Activities: Drama Club 3; German Club 3.
Likes: Heavy metal, Static-X, sleep, Mexican food, System of a Down, hanging out with my friends, playing Guitar Hero, and playing Xbox live.
Dislikes: Math, seafood, final exams, rap, country, and German compositions.
Future Plans: Going to college and having a career in Human Resources.
Other Awards/Achievements: Honor Roll, Academic All-Star for Science.



Scott Alan Dreniak
"ScottyD"



Samantha Jean Espinosa
"Samm, SamE"

Activities: Volleyball 1-4, Spanish Club 2.

Likes: Punk, zebras, orange, listening to music, the zoo, being creative, fashion design, Free-Will'd, going to concerts, hobos, shopping, and shoes.

Dislikes: Drama-filled summers, spiders, stupid signs, people poking me, tall people, people who hide things from other people.

Future Plans: To become a fashion designer, get married, start a family, live in a pirate ship under a bridge. Copying pink pigs.

Activities: Volleyball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Golf 1-2-4, Student Council 1-4, Booster Club 1-4, Student Council 1-4, Spanish Club 2-4, Reflector 4, Tattler 4, Drama Club 1-4, NHS 1-4, Sectional Court 1, Prom Princess 1.

Likes: The Oilers! I also like winning, eating, LarfBear, scrapbooking, and being mislead.

Dislikes: When I let myself get caught up in gossip and drama. I also dislike when I get lay with my grades.

Future Plans: I am going to attend Saint Joseph's College to major in physical education and become a teacher and coach.

Other Awards/Achievements: Who's Who 1-4, Class President 3, Drama Club Vice-President.



Abigail Rose Garza
"Abs, Abby Oiler"



Activities: Football 1, 3-4; Wrestling 3-4; German Club 1-2.

Likes: Sports: football, hockey, and baseball. Bands: Bleeding Through, Bullet for My Valentine, and Uncle. My favorite animal is monkeys.

Dislikes: People who think they are better than everyone else, RAP and West Central.

Future Plans: Go to college, become a police officer, get married, and keep in touch with all my friends from school.



David Fishel
"Shrek, Fish"



Olivia Gomez
"Oli"

Activities: Spanish Club 2-4.

Likes: I like to go out to eat, hang out with my friends, sleep, music, talking on the phone, laugh, shopping, go out clubbing, ice cream, bonfires, and going to Mexico.

Dislikes: Getting up early, working, driving, and being short.

Future Plans: Go to college, major in sociology, enjoy life for a while, then get married, and have three children.



Nicole Garcia
"Juicy, Smugly"

Activities: Tennis 2-3; Booster Club 2-4; Spanish Club 2-4.

Likes: Bread, music, dancing, Lilly, clubbing, food, shopping, Wednesdays with Slayk, shoes, coffee, tanning, my friends and family, my cell phone.

Dislikes: Schoops, parking thieves, ditchers, liars, backstabbers, driving, limos, Mondays, school.

Future Plans: I plan to attend college at IUN and study nursing. I would like to become a nurse and have a big house, a wonderful husband, two kids, and live a happy life.

Other Awards/Achievements: Kiwanis Top Ten.

Activities: Basketball 1-3; Football 1-4; Baseball 1-3; Student Council 2-4, Who's Who 2-4.

Likes: Friday nights under the lights, hanging out with friends, freshman year, sophomore year, Green Bay Packers, my car, loud music, "CSI," Chicago, Cline Ave., text messaging, Wendys, Sideluck, women, and art class.

Dislikes: West Central, Whining's drama, Bears, White Sox, senior year, rickies, dark pop, getting sick, people who lie, cheat, steal, or backstab, fractured ankles, West Central, science classes, gas prices.

Future Plans: Go to college and play football for SXU. Get a job in Chetown and earn in the six figures.

Other Awards/Achievements: 1st Team All-Conference WR 2-4, 1st Team All-Area Football 3-4, 1st Team All-Region CB 4; North Representative 4; 1st Team All-State DB 4.



Michael Halajcsik



Kimberly Nicole Holtrop

Activities: Student Council 3-4; Spanish Club 3; Referee 3-4.
Likes: Animals, reading, video games, friends, money, summer, and his "Star Wars" Harry Potter, Hello Kitty, New Found Glory, sleeping all day, fruit, tanning, Jale Gytelhal, and reading good books.
Dislikes: Not sleeping until at least 2, nasty girls, broken promises, liars, people who are all about drama, clouds, cold weather, people who can't drive, and lots more.
Future Plans: First and foremost, leave Whiting. Volunteer in Australia for 6 weeks over the summer to help sick animals, go to college to be a veterinarian or something dealing with animals, get married to an amazing good looking guy, and eventually start a family. Basically, just want to be happy and have a good life.



Juan Jimenez
 "Juaner, Juan-2.3"

Activities: Football 3-4, Basketball 3-4, Booster Club 4, Student Council 4, Spanish Club 2-4, Homecoming King 4, Sectionals Court 4.
Likes: Football, basketball, weight lifting, hanging out with friends, new shoes, Adidas Falcons, my mom's cooking, Cheesecake Factory, ice cream, Hoovers, and BWFs.
Dislikes: Liars, waking up for school, arguing, unnecessary things, West Central being sick, and girls' mood swings.
Future Plans: Go to college, pursue a career in architecture, try to play football, get married to a hot girl, have maybe three kids, and live happily ever after.
Other Awards/Achievements: Varsity letter for football 1-4; Basketball 3-4; Honorable Mention WR 1; Honorable Mention CB 3-4; Student Council Treasurer 4; Football and Basketball Captain 4.



Matteau Isbill

Activities: Golf Manager 3-4; Spanish Club 2-4; Drama Club 1-4.
Likes: Singing, acting, dancing, being golf manager, Spanish, my teachers (past and present), riding in the golf carts with Mrs. Heroduk, Spanish IV class.
Dislikes: Nosey people, school uniforms, waking up before 10 a.m., people who think they are better than others.
Future Plans: Go to college, become a high school Spanish teacher, get married, have a family, and learn how to play golf.
Other Awards/Achievements: Accepted to go to the IL Honors Program for Foreign Languages.



Destiny Macon
 "Desti, Destie"

Activities: Student Council 1-4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 2-4; Who's Who 3; Sectionals Court 4.
Likes: Noah Watkins, dancing, hanging out with the girls, going out to eat, sleeping, candy, and SHOPPING.
Dislikes: Mushrooms, onions, menudo, liars, fakers, raspberry jello, and nosey people.
Future Plans: Go to college, graduate, have a family, get married, and get a good job.



Steven Janas

Activities: Softball 1-4; Mat Maid 4; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 2-4; Drama Club 4; NHS 3-4; Homecoming Court 3.
Likes: Joe Brown, softball, my family, Disney, going to the beach or movies, hanging out with friends, and hanging out with my boyfriend.
Dislikes: Mornings, driving, running, Mr. Pepper, winter, being sick.
Future Plans: Play softball in college and eventually become a teacher.
Other Awards/Achievements: 2006 IHSAA Softball State Champions



Cristina Magallanes



Kelly Lynn Jansky
 "Kel"



Class Song:
 "My Wish"





Brittney Rose Mansfield
"Britt"

Activities: Volleyball 1-4; Basketball 1; Stat Person 1-4; Spanish Club 1-4; NHS 3-4; Prom Queen 4.
Likes: Shopping, having fun, relaxing, secret language, my friends and family, rain and thunderstorms, Babbie, Bruce Willis, green, my dogs, my nephew James, and volleyball.
Dislikes: People who think they know everything, clowns, wearing shoes, school lunches, humidity, and fakeness.
Future Plans: Go to Ball State and then go to Valpo Law School, get married, and have a family.

Activities: Basketball 1-4; Tennis 1-4; Cheerleading 4; Stat Person 3; Booster Club 4; Spanish Club 2-4; NHS 3-4; Kwanza Top Ten 3.
Likes: Secret language, tennis, Mater, masked potatoes, "Desperate Housewives," Bears, Sox, text messaging, and cows.
Dislikes: "People who think they're always right, but aren't," hypocrites, seafood, smelly people, cheaters, and gossip.
Future Plans: Attend Ball State and study veterinary medicine.
Other Awards/Achievements: Class Treasurer 1-4; NHS Vice-President; Tennis Captain, Tennis Sectional Champs 2007.

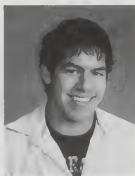


Allison Jean Miller
"Allie, Alias"

Class Flower: Tiger Lily



Activities: Football 1-3-4; Wrestling 1-2; German Club 3.
Likes: Women, surfing, skateboarding, snowboarding, mechanical bull riding, long walks on the beach (not Whihala), climbing, rugby, adventure, MMA, and chillin'. White Castle.
Dislikes: Whining, people who don't ever want to do anything, jellyfish, and antichokes.
Future Plans: Travel. After I have been to every country and have not hooked up with some rich European woman, I will come home go to college for something and leave again someday.
Other Awards/Achievements: Three-year All-Area Sports Award for Football.



Jose Eduardo Marin



Eileen Mills-Groninger
"Leenie, I"

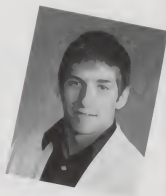
Activities: Volleyball 1-4; Student Council 3; Spanish Club 2-4; Drama Club 1-4; NHS 1-4; Kwanza Top Ten 3-4.
Likes: Chocolate, candy, my wife, fun theater, little kids who don't know, any better, my family, friends, and teachers!
Dislikes: Drama-filled summers, burnouts in the park, lars, hypocrites, self-absorbed snobs who think they are better than everyone else, and people who complain just to hear the sound of their own voice. West Central, also bad theater and poor casting.
Future Plans: Attend St. Joseph's Renaissance for elementary education, with a minor in voice so that I can use my voice to hypnotize the masses to do my bidding.
Other Awards/Achievements: DAR Good Citizen Award, Lily Scholarship Candidate, Bauhaus & Lamb Science Award, Mental Attitude Award, and All-State Academic Team (Volleyball).



Rachel Maslikowski
"Rach"

Activities: Softball 2-3; Stat Person 2-3; Science Olympiad 3-4; Booster Club 1; Drama Club 2-4; German Club 1-4.
Likes: Timothy Wapoda, laughing, going to the movies, roller coasters, singing, hair dye, Abby Cadab, and music.
Dislikes: Lars, psycho girls, antique stores, burps, feet, gagging noises, coconuts, poppy seeds, crab, sharks, seaweed, stereotypes, prejudices, and rumors.
Future Plans: To attend Lincoln Christian College, become a special education teacher, move to a big city, and start a family.
Other Awards/Achievements: 2006 Softball State Champions. Numerous medals in Forensics for Science Olympiad competitions, including 2007 3rd Place State Medal.

Activities: Football 1-4; Wrestling 1-4; Reflector 4; German Club 2-3; Homecoming Court 1; Sectional King 4; Prom Prince 3; Prom King 4.
Likes: Poker, girls, Guitar Hero, week-ends, wrestling, the Colts, football, and ping pong.
Dislikes: Lars, hypocrites, haters, fake people who take too long, waking up for school, and losing.
Future Plans: Go to school, get a good degree and live a great life.
Other Awards/Achievements: 2-Time Wrestling Sectional Champion, 2-Time First Team All Conference Football, 4-Time Regional Qualifier for Wrestling, Semi-State Qualifier, and 100 career wins for wrestling.



Milan Milutinovic



Kayla Perez
"KayKay"

Activities: Volleyball 1-2; Academic Team 1-4; Science Olympiad 2-4; Spanish Club 2; Reflector 4; Drama Club 1-4; NHS 1-4; Kwanis Top Ten 3; Homecoming Court 4

Likes: Purple, animals, rock music, LOTR, Vintilising, the Cubs, the Packers, rain, strawberries, ice cream, volleyball, "Wicked," hippopotamuses, quipped, chop-choy.

Dislikes: Two-faced people, people who lie to your face and think you don't realize it, punk, rap and hip hop music.

Future Plans: Go to college in Fort Wayne, graduate in two years, and make lots of money and know lots of rock stars.

Other Awards/Achievements: Achievements in academics, choir, drama, and Science Olympiad, perfect attendance, Captain of Science Academic Team two years.



Larry David Rickmann Jr.
"LarBear"

Activities: Football 1-3; Wrestling 1-2; Academic Team 4; Booster Club 1-2; Spanish Club 2-4

Likes: Cubs, Bears, Chicago, "Simpsons," "Family Guy," IU, sports, and music.

Dislikes: Backstabbers, fake people and Packers.

Future Plans: Go to IU and study law.

Other Awards/Achievements: 21st Century Scholar.

Activities: Tennis 1-2-4; Cheerleading 3-4; Spanish Club 2-4; Student Council 4; Reflector 4; Sectional Court 2.

Likes: "One Tree Hill," David Beckham, reading, cheerleading, road trips, my dog Capone, shopping, Starbucks, being an office aide, and the Cubs.

Dislikes: Liars, fake people, waking up early, feet, people who think they're better, a dirty house, going up in lifts, and running.

Future Plans: Attend Baker College for four years, majoring in business. Own my own business. Get married. Have kids. Become very rich and live happily ever after.

Other Awards/Achievements: Various Cheerleading Captain 4, and MVP Tennis 2.



Stephanie Perz

Activities: Football 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Wrestling 2-4; Booster Club 3-4; Student Council 4; Spanish Club 2.

Likes: Abby Cadab, Guitar Hero, Madden 2007, baseball, football, riding bikes, and going to the beach.

Dislikes: Running, Crohn's disease, the COLTS, Lance Briggs, and Guitar Hero 1 (lol).

Future Plans: Go the USI for college to become a dentist.

Other Awards/Achievements: Coming back this year from being sick to be able to play sports, 1st Team All-Conference for LB in Football.



Gilberto Ruiz
"Junior"



Elizabeth Sahagun
"Liz, Lizard"

Other School Attended: Seton Academy and St. Lawrence Seminary 1-3.

Likes: Sleeping, cooking, and living.

Dislikes: Slow days and death.

Future Plans: Go to college for fire science and culinary arts.

Become a firefighter and open a small restaurant.



Damian Serrano
"Damarion"



Activities: Basketball 1-2; Tennis 3; Cheerleading 2-4; Academics Team 3; Booster Club 2-4; Tatler 3-4; Tatler Editor 4; German Club 1-4; NHS 4; Sectionals Queen 4.

Likes: Chocolate, reading, hanging out with my friends, dancing, helping people, and food.

Dislikes: Mean boys, mean girls, liars, ketchup, onions, and mice.

Future Plans: I plan to attend Butler University and become a child psychologist, get married, and have many kids.

Other Awards/Achievements: HCS Delegate, Kwanis Top Ten, Who's Who.



Juan Salazar
"Johnny, Johnny Mo"

Other Schools Attended: East Chicago Central High School

Activities: Basketball 1-3-4; Baseball 1-3-4

Likes: Playing basketball, Mexican food, working out, sleeping, WUOMEN, Indian food, mob movies, girls scratching my head, and picking out tattoos.

Dislikes: Haters, girls with messed up teeth, running, morning practice, the pain of getting a tattoo, smokers, girls who wear clothes that don't fit them, nobody wants to see that.

Future Plans: Pursue my training in the Army National Guard this summer. I plan to come back and go back to school at Indiana University Northwest and major in criminal justice, and also play basketball at IUN.

Other Awards/Achievements: Basketball 2006 All-Conference Honorable Mention; 2007 All-Conference Honorable Mention; 2007 All-Area Honorable Mention; 2007 Team MVP.

Class Motto:
"With every ending, there's a new beginning."



Melissa Lynn Slazyk
"Tissa, BubbleButt"

Activities: Volleyball 1, Mr. Mac 1-4, Booster Club 1-4, Student Council 2-4, Spanish Club 2-4, Reflector 3-4, Homecoming Court 2
Likes: Giggling, R.E.M./CREAM, mashed potatoes, secret language, the Bears, my friends
Dislikes: SPAYING, my family, running with Avidas
Future Plans: I plan to go to the University of Indianapolis to study sports marketing. After I get out of college and get an awesome job, I want to get married to a completely awesome guy, have two kids, and live happily ever after.

Activities: Booster Club 3-4, Spanish Club 2-4, NHS 4
Likes: Kernels, the Hardworking 10, M.C. Chicken, banana splits, movies, music, sandals, toe socks, the color purple, Juli, Karla, Tina, Liz, Nicole, Mama, Olivia, cowboys, summer, April 14th, Ms. Hydek, Miss Guasica, Xmas, money, pins, chili cheese fries, Wednesdays, weekends, sleep and puns
Dislikes: Crestina's laugh, driving, long car rides, books, sand, seaweed, Schoops, people who are mean or don't like kernels, Spanish, winter, walking, exercises, fat free food, Mondays, getting up early, working, and reading
Future Plans: Go to college for business so I can own hotels. To get married at like 25 and then have two kids and the cutest kittens ever, have a house by the water, and leave Whiting
Other Awards/Achievements: B Honor Roll 3



Merisa Juanita Marylynn Szala

Class Color: Lavender



Activities: Golf 1-4, Basketball 1, Reflector 4
Likes: Bowling, golf, and basketball
Dislikes: Winter and rainy weather
Future Plans: Go to college.



Christopher Smith
"Smitty"



Przemyslaw Wiejak

Future Plans: Go to college, get a job, and get rich.



Michael Spencer
"Fat Boy, Spence"

Activities: Football 1-4, Wrestling 2, Booster Club 1-4, Student Council 1-4; Spanish Club 2-4
Likes: Darts, football, Chicago Bears/Cubs, Bulls, poker, lying, being with my friends, music, freshman and sophomore year, my car, my hair, playing for Coach Cain & Scott, my cats, "DOG the Bouncy Hunter", and text messaging
Dislikes: West Central, St. Louis Cardinals, Cubs, drugs, lying, cheating, backstabbing people, fake people, 80% of Whiting High School, my ankles, science, and West Central
Future Plans: Go to Baker with Brandis, Kayla, and Juli, get my associates in accounting, transfer to USJ and get an apartment with Larry, then just not being a screw-up. Make good money and be a good dad and husband.
Other Awards/Achievements: I graduated!

Activities: Wrestling 3; Academic Team 4; Booster Club 3-4; Spanish Club 2-4; Drama Club 3-4
Likes: Music, saxophone, guitar, Da Bears, weekends, physics, monsters, fishing, poker, sarcasm, and shows
Dislikes: High school, unintelligent people, cars that hit me, emo music, stuck-up people, and drugs
Future Plans: Go to Purdue West Lafayette and major in engineering or physics.



Jason Zander
"JZ"



1. Eileen Mills-Groninger
College: St. Joseph's College
Major: Elementary Education

Girls Just Want to Have Fun!



2. Erica Arrows
College: Indiana University
Major: Music Education

TOP



3. Stephanie Perz
College: Bel-Rea Institute of Animal
Technology
Major: Veterinary Technology

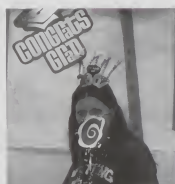


4. Elizabeth Sahagun
College: Butler University
Major: Psychology

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5. Brittney Mansfield
College: Ball State University
Major: Business



6. Kelly Jansky
College: Undecided
Major: Education



7. Abigail Gazda
College: St. Joseph's College
Major: Physical Education



9. Allison Miller
College: Ball State University
Major: Veterinary Medicine



9 Nicole Garcia
College: IUN
Major: Nursing



10. Samantha Espinoza
College: Undecided
Major: Fashion Design

Backtracking Through Life



1. "Beating Griffith at the Gary Steel Yard my junior year."



2. "Third hour Spanish class, our walks to and from lunch, and being with my best friends."



3. "Winning state in softball my junior year."



4. "Tell me about it... STU'D!"



5. "Leaving!"



6. "Winning first place at state for SciOly or Jimmy getting his ID caught in the laminator."



7. "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow."



8. "My favorite memory was going to Germany for spring break."



9. "When Merisa called her mom's boyfriend 'chico amigo.'"



10. "Either tripping my friends and seeing their reactions or visiting Baker College."



11. "Better stop and take stock while you're standing here stuck on the steps of the palace."



12. "Olivia's problem with integers, attacking Maria, and Cristina's microphone."



13. "Be YOURSELF! Live the life you always dreamed, and do it because YOU want to."



14. "When my friend fell asleep during Choice and didn't wake up until the next class started."



15. "When Merisa fell off of her biology stool because she fell asleep."



16. "Going to the sectional championship game for basketball."



17. "Deciding not to choose is still making a decision."



18. "When I fell down the stairs."



19. "Hey, hey! Settle down, ladies! There is enough of me to go around."



20. "When seven of us went on a road trip to Baker College in a small van."



21. "It is better to die on your feet than to live a life on your knees." ~Zapata



22. "Winning conference two years in a row with 9-0 records both times and starting on both teams."



23. "Winning Sectionals Queen!"



24. "When I went to Baker College with a huge group of friends for a visit. It was the best road trip EVER!"

Seniors share favorite memories and quotes



25. "Sometimes things fall apart so other things can fall into place."



26. "My favorite memory is being in football because I had so much fun."



27. "Winning consecutive LAC Blue championships and a 20 conference game winning streak."



28. "Quit trying to belong. Don't worry about people accepting you accept yourself first."



29. "When the baseball team beat Griffith 4-3 at the Steelyard."



30. "Winning Sectionals Champ for wrestling and MVP for football."



31. "Saying goodbye to Abby when she was leaving for California. She squeezed me so hard."



32. "Stuff happens, but it does go away."



33. "Riding in the golf cart during matches."



34. "Winning the LAC Blue title undefeated for two years."



35. "Live life to its fullest."



36. "Friendship grows with love, happiness, and laughter and lives as a smile in your heart ever after."

Taking a journey to the past



37. "True friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget."

38. "The class trip to Disney World was the best time I had in high school."

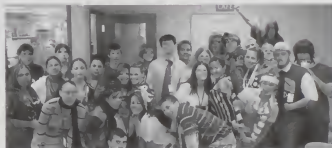
Answer Box

1. Scott Drewniak
2. Olivia Gomez
3. Kelly Jansky
4. Abigail Gazda
5. Steven Janas
6. Stephanie Perz
7. Melissa Slazyk
8. Theresa Diaz
9. Gilberto Ruiz, Jr.
10. Maria Alvarez

11. Eileen Mills-Groninger
12. Daniela Castelan
13. Gericar Arroyo
14. Christopher Smith
15. Cristina Magallanes
16. Damian Serrano
17. Allison Miller
18. Branden Acheson
19. Jose Marin

20. Julianna Cruz
21. Juan Salazar
22. James Augustyn
23. Elizabeth Sahagun
24. Kayla Perez
25. Brittney Mansfield
26. David Fishel
27. Michael Halajcsik
28. Samantha Espinoza
29. Steven Combs

30. Joseph Brown
31. Rachel Maslikowski
32. Anthony Clemente
33. Destiny Macon
34. Juan Jimenez
35. Kathleen DeLaney
36. Merisa Szala
37. Nicole Garcia
38. Anthony Adair



FAILE ID

Class Clown

Abigail Gazda, Joe Brown, and Rachel Maslikowski
Always playing tricks on each other



Most Dramatic

Joe Brown and Gerica Arroyo
Always putting on a show

Teacher's Pet

Gilberto Ruiz and Destiny Macon
"An apple a day gets you an 'A'!"



Most Quiet

Juan Salazar and Theresa Diaz
"Can you hear me now?"



Most

Argumentative

Larry Rickmann and Merisa Szala
They even argue about how to take the picture!



Most Likely to Succeed

Anthony Clemente and Eileen Mills-Groninger
"We're going to make millions!"



Most Out-going

Abigail Gazda and Jose Marin

Outgoing or going out?



Most School Spirited

Abigail Gazda and Scott Drewniak

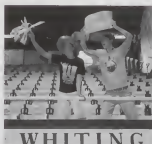
Now **they** are extremely spirited



Biggest Meech

Abigail Gazda and Jose Marin

"Can I borrow a dollar, or five?"



Biggest Gossip

Kelly Jansky and Steven Combs
"She did WHAT?!"



Most Likely to Become President

Eileen Mills-Groninger and Anthony Clemente
Class act leaders

Nicest Smile

Melissa Slazyk and Scott Drewniak
"Let me see your grill!"





Most Athletic

Abigail
Gazda
and
Michael
Halajscik

"Anything
you can do
I can do
better!"



Worst Driver

Olivia Gomez and Michael Spencer
Often need direction while parallel parking



Most Gullible

Cristina
Magallanes,
Juan
Jimenez,
and Melissa
Slazyk
"What!
graduation
is around the
corner?"

Most Changed

Nicole
Garcia
and
James
Augustyn



"Whoa! I
didn't even
recognize
you!"



Laziest

Michael
Spencer
and Allison
Miller
Even
playing on the
computer is a
task!



Loudest

Cristina Magallanes and Joe Brown
Can be heard from any classroom



Biggest Flirt

Class of 2007

We're not flirts! We're just affectionate!



Most Talented

James
Augustyn
and
Gerica
Arroyo
Masters of
their "art"

Best Eyes

Richard
Cabral and
Daniela
Castelan
"Our eyes are
brighter than
the sun!"



All-Around Student

Eileen Mills-Groninger and James Augustyn
They do a little bit of everything

SENIOR

Administration & Staff



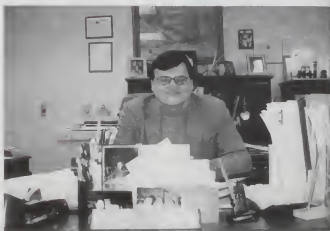
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Dr. Sandra Martinez



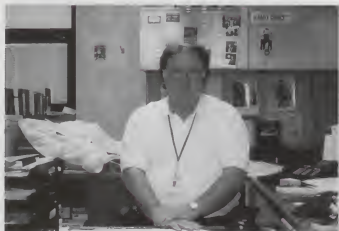
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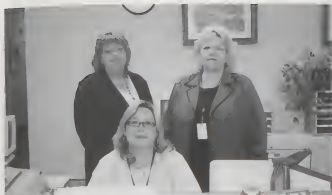
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Mr. Bruce Stewart



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Mrs. Lucy Leyba & Mrs. Linda Wilson



Central Office Staff



Mrs. Ernestine Sanchez, Nurse



Don Kaminsky, Technology Director



James Buehring, Technology



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Cafeteria Staff: Christine Lerma, Director



Operations, Leta Francisco



Maintenance Crew

Faculty



Mr. Don Adkins, Social Studies



Ms. Kathy Baxter, Special Education



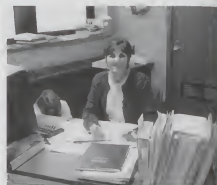
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Mrs. Margaret Elza, Special Ed. Aide



Ms. Kathryn Flaris, English



Miss Betty Guaccio, English



Ms. Laura Gulvas, Special Ed. Aide



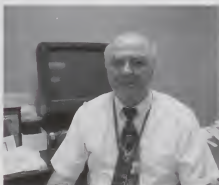
Mrs. Kathy Herochik, Math



Mrs. Regina Hylek, English



Mrs. Marina Klochan,
Spanish



Mr. Paul Laub,
Math, Athletic Director



Mr. Kevin Lenz,
Math



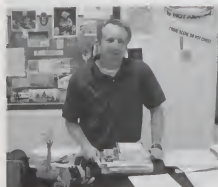
Mr. Jeremy Long, Science



Mrs. Rena Mindas, Art



Mr. Kevin Moynihan, English



Mr. Dan Nichols, Science



Mr. Patrick Pecher, Band/Choir



Mrs. Heidi Polizotto, German



Mr. Joel Romero, Industrial Technology



Mr. Rob Segudovic, Phys. Education



Ms. Beverly Sheldon, Librarian



Mrs. Elva Sotello,
Computer Applications



Mr. Ron Vrabel,
Social Studies



Mr. Vrabel assists student teacher
Amanda Helmus

-Chris Smith 37

ACADEMICS



"I don't have a favorite class, but I wanted to thank **Miss Gossie, Mr. Long, and Frau P.** for teaching me information I actually absorbed."

Junior

Natalie Prihoda



"My favorite class is English because we get to make different projects on the books we read and **Ms. Mylie's** teaching style is easy to understand."

sophomore

Zeena Darji



"Gym is my favorite class because it's fun and we do a lot of different activities."

freshman

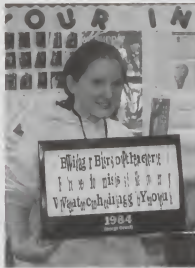
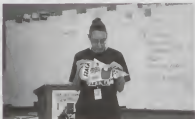
Shelby Rudolph



"Gym would probably be my favorite class because you get to relax before you go home."

freshman

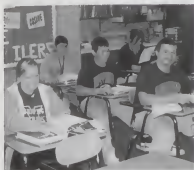
Jacob Wright





"My favorite class is computer applications because Mrs. Cate is a cool guy and I enjoy the projects that we do on the computer."
senior

Kathleen Delaney



"My favorite class this year is ceramics because we get to be creative and also because of the great teacher we have (Mrs. Windsor)."
senior

Steven Combs



"My favorite class would have to be my third hour geometry class. Mrs. Horvath is a blast and I get everything in that class...except proofs!"
sophomore

Muegan Strilish



"My favorite class is Mr. Cate's. It's a pretty fun class and I like learning how to design things on the computer."
junior

Steven Coleman



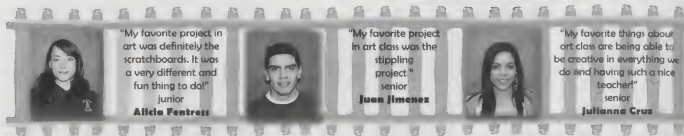
O N T R A C K T O S U C C E S S

Tapping Into Creativity

Allowing different ways for students to be creative, WHS offers different type of art classes from modern art to working with clay. Students in art class draw their self-portraits, do stippling, color wheels, and many other projects. In ceramics class, students form-clay into a variety of items such as pots, animals, and tiles. After students complete ceramics projects, they then learn crafts which includes making chalkboards and learning how to weave. These art classes let the students have fun and relax while learning.



Left, Caty Jolly choosing what color paper to use for her project. In her ceramics class is senior Brittney Mansfield.



"My favorite project in art was definitely the scratchboards. It was a very different and fun thing to do!"

Junior

Alicia Fentress

"My favorite project in art class was the stippling project."

senior

Juan Jimenez

"My favorite things about art class are being able to be creative in everything we do and having such a nice teacher!"

senior

Julianne Cruz

Below, Senior Elizabeth Sahagun concentrates hard on making hundreds of dots on her stippling project of Whiting Park in 2-D Art.



Right, Pasting his tissue paper onto his project in ceramics class is senior Jose Marin.

Below, Senior Kayla Perez sits in the back of the art room during sixth period and works on painting her tile project in Mrs. Mindas' ceramics class.



Above, Taking pride in her work, junior Alicia Fentress wants just the right color for her favorite project.



Right, Completing one of the many assigned projects in crafts/ceramics, senior Kelly Jansky decides where to place the tissue on her heart box.



Above, In ceramics class, senior Mike Halajcik starts on a new tile by first tracing it out and then later painting it to reach the desired effect.



Left, Making her paint and placing it onto her color wheel during fourth period 2-D Art class is freshman Monica Vera.



Art / Ceramics

B a n d / C h o i r



Above, Sophomores Erin Lawson and Elizabeth Rodriguez practice long and hard to perfect their song repertoire for games.



Left, These choir members learn one of the many carols for the Madrigal.



Above, Band members, freshman Katherine Staley and junior Elise Elza, prove that practice makes perfect.



Above, Making sure every note in the song is in tune are seniors Kelly Jansky, Destiny Macon and Eileen Mills-Groninger, and sophomore Alexis Luna.



Left, Sophomore Haleigh Suarez, senior Gerica Arroyo and junior Natalie Mendez sing their hearts out.

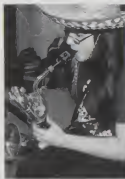
Above, This group of choir members enthusiastically sings the lively and boisterous song "Gloucester Wassail" for the Madrigal play.



Left, Junior Natalie Prskalo plays her drums loudly and proudly while rehearsing her music at band practice after school.



Left, Senior Gerica Arroyo reads her sheet music very carefully while playing a song on her trumpet at a Whiting Oilers' home basketball game.



Right, Sophomore Kaitlyn Muratori skillfully plays the "Oiler Fight Song" on her saxophone while easily keeping up with the rest of the band.



"The best thing about choir is being able to have fun while singing."

freshman
Patrice Percianetti

"I really enjoy choir because I love singing and I plan on joining again senior year."

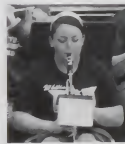
junior
Jamie Jordan

"Choir is a blast. I've had so much fun these last two years."

senior
Stephanie Pers



Above, Senior Rachel Maslikowski waits for direction from band director Mr. Pecher.



Left, A dedicated member of the band, sophomore Elizabeth Rodriguez plays her music flawlessly.

Usually only comprised of a small number of students, Whiting High School's music programs grew greatly in number this year and increased their number of performances. Thirty-four people became members of the choir and participated in the two concerts and the first ever Madrigal play as well as singing at graduation. The band also participated in Madrigal, as well as playing at all of the Oilers home games.

The Sweet Sounds of Music

Reading, Writing, & Speaking

At Whiting High School, English is a yearly required class students must take in order to graduate. Freshman students are enrolled in their regular English class along with a nine-week English skills class which helps them to better focus on their reading, writing, and study skills. Sophomore year students take speech class in addition to their English class. In speech class, students learn the art of public speaking by preparing and presenting a variety of speeches. Another large part of the class stresses the importance of having good interpersonal skills. Junior year, students focus on American literature and are required to write a research paper. Senior year, the focus shifts to English literature and Shakespeare, and students are again required to write a research paper, helping them to better prepare for college.



Above, Juniors Jose Avala and Jessica Kempke (who is portraying the media magnet Paris Hilton) try to sell their Energy Shot drink to their audience during their commercial in Ms. Hylek's 4th hour speech class.



"English class is so much fun! I look forward to that class all day. **Miss Guaccio** is hilarious. I love her!!"

junior
Kristin Setlach

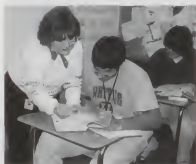
"Some students think that speech class is too difficult and a waste of time, but the reality is that it helps you conquer your fears, prepares you for the real world, and still lets you have fun."

sophomore
Katie Bojzutt

"English 12 is pretty sweet. It's a chill class; however, we still get our work done. **Ms. Flaris** is a pretty cool lady too."

senior
Kim Holtrop

Below, Ms. Flaris gives senior Jose Marin some helpful hints on how to complete the assignment which is due by the end of the hour.



Right, Listening to a lecture given by Miss Guaccio about how to complete research paper note cards are juniors Joseph Franko and Jessica Garcia.



Right, Mr. Moynihan asks sophomore Emily Gazda to answer the question that was asked.

Below, Presenting her Thanksgiving collage in front of her classmates in Advanced English 10 is Adi Cruz, sophomore.



Above, Senior Kayla Perez begins her workbook pages on noun clauses since there are a few minutes left in in Ms. Flaris' English 12 class.



Left, Junior Claudia Torres sits in English class and studies for her test that they are about to take for Miss Guaccio.



Left, Courtney Moen, sophomore, reads over directions on how to diagram a sentence before getting on to complete her home work assignment in Mr. Moynihan's class.

English

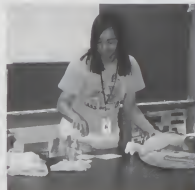
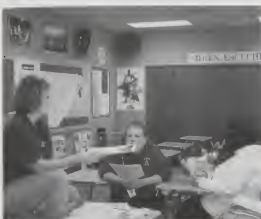


Left, **Leo** man II students are taking down notes while Mrs. Polizotto reaches about that day's lesson.



Left, **Katie** Bajzart, Erica Arroyo, Haleigh Suarez, and Noah Watkins model their costumes for Cinco de Mayo.

Below, Mrs. Klochan discusses next year's trip to Europe with interested students enrolled in Spanish class during Choice.



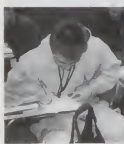
Above, Sophomore **Zeena Darji** explains the steps in caring for a baby during her informative speech delivered entirely in Spanish in her seventh hour class.



Above, Mrs. Polizotto uses a display clock to teach the German II students how to tell time.



Left, Taking his turn at the board to see if he can translate the sentence in German is freshman **Steven Ateberry**.



Left, Junior **Joe Franko** puts the finishing touches on his assignment in third hour Spanish III.



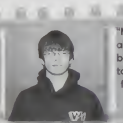
Left, Enjoying the beautiful Alps are **Theresa Diaz** and **Kaitlyn Mura** - tori during their European trip.



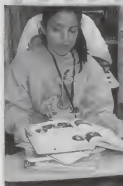
"My favorite thing about German is learning a new language I don't know about."
senior
Jimmy Augustyn



"Spanish class is pretty tough, but it's fun until we get in trouble by Mrs. Klochan."
junior
Jonathan Hayes



"My favorite thing about German is being able to speak to people in a different language."
senior
Chris Smith



Left, Sophomore **Araceli Gomez** looks up the definition for the German word she translated before writing it down.

German and Spanish are important languages throughout the world. Within these two subject areas, students learn about the culture, the countries, and how to speak languages. In German the students are exploring something new every day. "My goal this year for all classes is to communicate and think globally. My classes this year are spending more time speaking than ever before, due in part, to our upcoming trip to Europe," said German I-IV teacher Mrs. Polizotto. The Spanish classes are working hard as well. "I would like my students to appreciate the Spanish culture and learn to accept our foreign neighbors and their language without making generalizations about them," said Spanish I-IV teacher Mrs. Klochan.

On The International Track

Designing Our Future

There are many different classes dealing with industrial arts and computer applications at WHS. Mr. Cain teaches classes that consist of computer graphic design as well as different printing processes. Mr. Romero teaches AutoCAD and woodshop where students design projects by drawing and building both on and off the computer. In Advanced Computer Applications, sophomores better their computer skills by doing a variety of projects. This year WHS also welcomes new Advanced Computer Applications teacher, Mrs. Elva Sotello who also teaches computer classes to WMS students and is responsible for the Whiting High School Web page.



Left, Senior David Fiddell is hard at work on the computer constructing his future of his train in Mr. Romero's class.



"Mr. Romero's class was a fun experience for me. It taught me in a different way which could be an advantage for me in the future."

senior

Cristina Magallanes

"Mr. Romero's class has helped everyone to be more creative with their hands and helped them to be more patient."

senior

Michael Halajick

"Mr. Cain's class is a class to really look forward to."

sophomore

Sarah Perez

Computers/Industrial Arts



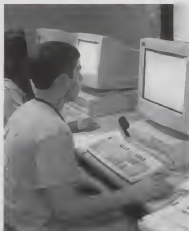
Above, Junior Diana Lupo is working on her personal calendar for Mr. Cain's class.



Above, Looking very focused, senior Michael Spencer is busy drawing his sailboat for his computer-assisted design class.



Above, Cristina Magallanes seeks extra help from Mr. Romero in CAD-CAM class.



Above, Sophomore Taylor Pokraka is busy completing his assignment on time in Advanced Computer Applications class.



Above, Junior Aaron Mitre and senior Larry Rickmann clean Mr. Romero's woodshop near the hour's end.



Above, Working together are juniors Santiago Nieto, Timothy Wajovda, Jonathan Hayes and sophomore Kevin Mender.



Above, Being very careful, sophomore Charles Meyers sands down his C2 holder that he made in woodshop class.

M a t h e m a t i c s

Left, Geometry students are studying hard to understand how to find the radius and diameter of a circle.

Below, Determined to finish their assignment, seniors Allison Miller and Brittney Mansfield are working on critical numbers in their calculus class.

Below, Senior Eileen Mills-Groninger is taking advantage of her work time by completing her assignment.



Left, Mrs Herochik's third hour geometry class is taking notes on some of the important concepts they need to memorize.

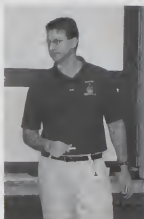


Above, Senior Theresa Diaz is carefully looking up how to solve her Algebra II math problem.

Left, Mrs. Herochik is helping Brittney Mansfield with an extremely difficult problem.



Left, Mr. Lenz is at the chalkboard showing his Algebra I class how to solve some of the problems before assigning homework.



Left, In order to improve her grade, senior Stephanie Perz is studying the material for the upcoming test in her calculus class.



"My favorite thing about math class is that we get plenty of time to get our work done in class."
sophomore
Kevin Mendez



"My favorite thing about math class was solving algebra problems and constructing triangles."
sophomore
Maira Medina



"My favorite thing about math class is that you can learn new things every day."
junior
Santiago Nieto



Left, Freshman Edgar Carrillo finishes his work in math skills class.



Right, Sophomore Christabel Gutierrez graphs her Algebra II problem.



Having good math skills is an important part of a person's life. Without having these skills you could struggle in life and have a hard time getting through some of the classes offered at Whiting High School, like chemistry and physics. The math skills you learn during high school will prove to be valuable throughout your lifetime.

Good Skills Pay Dividends

On Track to Good Health

As a freshman, students are required to take a full year of physical education. Throughout the year students participate in many rigorous physical activities, compete in organized games and learn to be a team player. One of the requirements for students in their sophomore year is to complete one semester of health education. In health, students learn the importance of having and maintaining good physical and mental health. Also, they study the physical and emotional effects of drug and alcohol abuse.



Left: Freshman David Aguilera steals the ball from freshman Christine Cervantes during a friendly game of basketball.



"My favorite aspect of gym is there is no homework and I also get time to work on my jump shot."
junior
Noah Watkins



"My favorite aspect of health class is that we learn about subjects that we can relate to real life."
sophomore
Haileigh Suarez



"My favorite sport in gym is dodgeball because we learn the great skill of how to dodge."
freshman
Matt Keown

P.E. / Health

Right, While playing with friends in gym class, freshman **Lauren Ewing** displays the proper form for passing a volleyball.

Below, Sophomore **Christabel Gutierrez** completes her assignment about the many kinds of bones. "I like health because I learn all kinds of information that I can use outside of class," she said.



Right, Freshman **Melissa Rodriguez** plays defense against sophomore **Tanjaridinia Daniels** as she goes up for a lay-up in a game of one-on-one.

Below, Studying hard for his quiz on the consequences of smoking is sophomore **Charles Meyers**.



Right, Freshmen **Patrick Percinoff** and **Anthony Schatz** team up against **Michael Misner**.



Right, In a game of "21," freshman **Alexia Obregon** boxes junior **Noah Watkins** out of the paint for a rebound. Other games the gym class plays are volleyball, dodgeball, track, kickball, and mushball.



Above, Completing a worksheet on the negative effects of tobacco is sophomore **Edward Calderon**.





Left, Seniors Abby Gazda and Kathleen DeLaney and junior Diana Lupo are focused on their work during seventh hour Reflector.



Above, Tattler Layout Editor Julianna Cruz and Editor Liz Sahagun are looking over the latest issue of the newspaper before it is distributed to WHS students and staff.



Above, Senior Melissa Slazyk counts out votes for the theme and color of the 2006-2007 yearbook cover with the rest of the staff.



Above, Choosing just the right pictures for his first layout of the school year is senior Milan Milutinovic.



Above, Junior Alicia Fentress assists junior Diana Lupo in putting her social studies layout together.

Left, Seniors Gerica Arroyo and Scott Drewniak use CS2 InDesign, the latest technology, to complete their cross-country layout.



Above, Tattler Editor Liz Sahagun holds a meeting with her staff members to get some new and exciting ideas for their upcoming Tattler issue. Due to scheduling conflicts, Sahagun and the majority of the staff were volunteers this year.



"My favorite thing about Reflector is being able to see how the yearbook is put together and the outcome of it."
Junior

Emily Katochinski



"My favorite thing about being on Reflector is being able to create the yearbook."
senior

Chris Smith



"I really like being on staff - even though it is pretty stressful, I like the challenge of it because I know Tattler will help me out greatly in college."
senior

Julianna Cruz

Right, Julianna Cruz thoroughly reviews her work on The Tattler to make sure everything is perfect. Thanks to a new copier in Mr. Cain's class, The Tattler is now being printed in color.



The coming of the new school year also brought new challenges for both the Tattler and the Reflector staffs. The Tattler staff was in a big bind at the beginning of the year: they didn't have many people on staff due to scheduling conflicts, therefore Ms. Hylek had to go out and recruit students. "Though I still enjoy it very much, Tattler is a little more difficult for me because I do not have it as a class, and I am also editor-in-chief," said senior Elizabeth Sahagun. "This year has been challenging for our program due to the scheduling conflicts in a small school. Students have stepped up and volunteered to help out whenever needed. Although both staffs are small, they are hardworking groups who are doing a great job," said Ms. Hylek. In addition, the Reflector staff, with only three returning members, is also stepping up to fill voids. Despite all of the challenges, the staffs are coming together to produce the best publications possible.

Keeping Track of Time

Laying Down Building Blocks

This year, science classes have been filled to the limit. With five different classes, many people found something they like to do and might like to do for the rest of their lives in biology, Biology II, Earth/Space, chemistry, and Chemistry II. This year, unfortunately, not enough students signed up for Advanced Placement Physics, so it was dropped. "Bio II is absolutely fascinating! I absolutely love learning about our evolutionary history and how organisms function and reproduce," said senior Eileen Mills-Groninger.



Left, Mr. Nichols explains the procedure to senior Michael Spencer and sophomore Julian Narez and Julia Kempke in a biological magnification lab in Biology II.



"I was very excited to take chemistry, though I did not expect it to be as difficult and different from all the other science classes I've taken."

sophomore

Araceli Gomez



"Chem II is a challenging class that teaches you many new things. It was an eye-opener and I'm glad I took it."

senior

Anthony Clemente



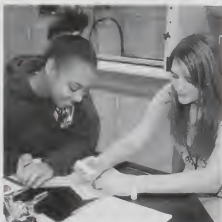
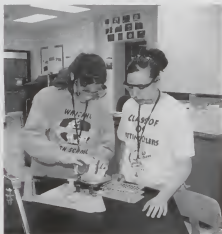
"I enjoyed Earth/Space, especially the astronomy part. I also liked looking at some of the pretty blue rocks."

senior

Kelly Janisy

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Below, Sophomores Emily Duha and Melanie Colon use a triple-beam balance during an experiment in Chemistry I to weigh some metal.



Above, Sophomores Tanjaridinia Daniels and Katie Bajda work diligently on their mineral identification in Earth/Space.

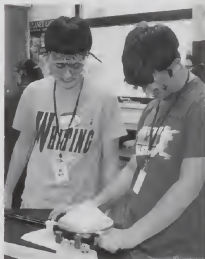


Above, Preparing his materials, sophomore Brian Reeves creates a model of an animal cell in biology.



Above, Freshmen Ashley Thompson and Katie Franciski make their plant cell during a lab in biology.

Below, Freshman Alexia Obregon, sophomore Olivia Jakovich, and freshman Amy Mahoney prepare for a lab in Bio I.



Above, Sophomore Michael Unate and junior Steven Coleman measure out five grams of iron filings to watch a reaction between the iron and potassium chloride in chemistry.

Social Studies



Above, Senior Juan Salazar pays close attention as Mr. Adkins reviews for tomorrow's quiz.



Above, Juniors Zach O'Drobinak, Erica Arroyo, and Joey Franko study for their upcoming history test over the Spanish-American War.



Above, As Mr. Vrabel explains the Boston Tea Party, junior Adam Flores demonstrates his enthusiasm by jumping out of his seat.



Left, Junior Emilee Kalocinski contemplates the Revolutionary War as she listens to Mr. Vrabel's inspiring lecture.



Left, Freshmen Rowena Cardoso and Krupal Darji point to their favorite place on the world map in their geography class.



Left, Seniors Liarry Rickmann and Juan Jimenez utilize every minute they can get to read, study, and get ahead in their government class.



Left, Freshman Salvador Salazar sits in geography class and discovers the vastness of the planet earth and tries to decide what he can do to keep it clean and healthy for our future generations.



Right, Junior Joey Franko listens to a lesson about life on the Oregon Trail while sitting in Mr. Vrabel's seventh hour class.



"I enjoy learning about the hardships America had to go through to become a free country,"
junior
Alicia Peotrossi



"Current problems gave me a chance to stay in tune with what is happening around the world,"
sophomore
Mel Domesch



"I had fun and enjoyed learning about different things going on in our country,"
sophomore
Emily Hourley



"This year history was a lot of fun. We had fun learning with Mr. Helmus, but we will also miss Mr. Vrabel,"
junior
Sam Plevac



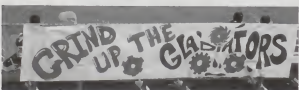
Left, Reading along in their government books are seniors Kelly Jansky and Abigail Gazda.
Right, Juniors Becca Maslikowski and Natalie Mender take advantage of silent reading time.



This year the social studies classes have been more interesting than ever. To begin with, there was a new student teacher in the history and geography classes. Ms. Amanda Helmus was very kind and helpful to her students and even filled in for Mr. Vrabel when he was injured. Also this year, Mr. Vrabel has announced his retirement after 33 years of service in the School City of Whiting. His enthusiasm and words of wisdom will be greatly missed by everyone.

Where the Track Began

SPORTS





THE MAIN A"TRACK"TION

Cross Country



Above, The 2006 Whiting Girls Cross Country team takes a moment to bond with each other before the LAC Conference race. The girls team finished eighth with three All-Conference performers: **Gerica Arroyo**, **Christabel Gutierrez** and **Ilse Jimenez**.



Left, The boys team takes a few minutes to pump themselves up for the course ahead of them. The boys worked hard all summer long in order to prepare themselves for the gruelling season.

The 2006 cross country team was one that was able to surpass many obstacles. At the beginning of the season, the girls team found out that one of their key runners (**Erica Arroyo**) would not be able to run due to a previous injury. This brought the team down to four runners. Fortunately, the girls received a fifth runner and were able to place in a lot of the races. The boys team, on the other hand, could not obtain a full team. These problems, however, did not stop both teams from achieving great success throughout the season. The girls team proved to be very successful with three All-Conference runners, an advancement to the regional race, and a broken school record of 16:24 (**Christabel Gutierrez**). "The highlight had to be watching **Gerica (Arroyo)** and **Christabel** shatter their previous records. It has raised the bar for the program," stated **Coach Moynihan**. The entire boys team achieved great success by beating their personal records as well. Next year's expectations will be higher than any year before due to the fact that there will be a new conference. "I expect to win the conference," **Coach Moynihan** said. "Anything less and I will be dissatisfied."

Below, Freshman **Brittany Bulatovich** surges toward the finish line at Riverside Park helping the girls team advance to regionals.



Above, Senior **Scott Dreniakh** and **Coach Kevin Moynihan** discuss the injury **Dreniakh** obtained during the LAC Conference race.



Above, Taking their final run-outs are **Christabel Gutierrez** and **Araceli Gomez**. The two sophomores proved to be outstanding athletes throughout the season.

Above, Junior **Erica Arroyo** writes down stats for the Clark-Hammond meet. **Arroyo** could not run this season due to an injury sustained last year.



Left, Recovering from an exhausting race is sophomore **Araceli Gomez**. **Gomez** showed exceptional determination in every race this year.



Above, The girls team takes a few minutes to loosen up before the big Highland Invitational.



Above, Freshmen **Ilse Jimenez** and **Brittany Bulatovich** stretch out in preparation for the Clark-Hammond meet.



"My last year wasn't as good as I wanted it to be. However, I accomplished a lot of goals and I will miss **Gerica and Coach Moynihan**." **Scott Dreniakh**



"I thought this season was short but sweet. My favorite part was getting my best time. I will definitely miss the spaghetti dinners, my sister, and **Scotty**." **Gerica Arroyo**



"I believe my season went very well. I worked hard all summer and improved my time by two minutes. I'm looking forward to next year." **Jonathan Hayes**



"This cross country season was good. I was disappointed that I was unable to run due to an injury but it was nice watching my sister run." **Erica Arroyo**



Above, A close-knit group, the cross country team takes some time to rest after one of the races.



Above, Starting the race in a pack is the boys team. Although the boys did not have a full team, they still competed and did a great job.

OILERS VS.

Andromeda Invite	Incomplete
Gavit Invite	Second
LAC Conference	Incomplete
LAC Conference	Incomplete
Kouts Invite	Incomplete
LAC Conference	Third
New Prairie Invite	Sixteenth
Quad Meet	Second
Highland Invite	Seventh
Clark-Hammond	First
M. Marquette	DNR
North Newton	Incomplete
Conference Invite	Eighth
Sectionals	Fourth
Regional	Eighth

*DNR=Did not run
*Incomplete=No full team



Above, The 2006 Cross Country Team. Top Row: Michael Rokicki, Jonathan Hayes, Coach Kevin Moynihan, Scott Drewniak and Erica Arroyo. Bottom Row: Brittany Bulatovich, Araceli Gomez, Gerica Arroyo, Christabel Gutierrez and Ilse Jimenez.



Above, Junior Jonathan Hayes picks up the pace at the Gavit Invitational. Hayes, a returning cross country runner, improved his mile times since his freshman year and is expected to continue to improve.



Above, Sophomore Christabel Gutierrez finishes in the top ten at the sectionals race.



Above, Michael Rokicki tries his hardest to make All-Conference at the LAC Conference Invitational.



Above, The girls team talks with Coach Moynihan right before the sectionals race. This was the most important race of the season.

Leaving Tracks Behind



Left, Gerica Arroyo nears the finish line. Arroyo achieved many goals her senior year, one of which included earning her green "W".



Left, Scott Drewniak strides ahead of the pack. Although Drewniak suffered from tendonitis, he still ran hard and had a great season.



Above, Finishing the race in the top five is Ilse Jimenez, who proved herself to be a great runner as a freshman on a varsity team.



"This year was my first year in cross country and I realized how hard it was. I wasn't expecting 5:30 a.m. practices, but I was glad I stuck it out."
Junior
Michael Rokicki



"I think I had a good season because it was better than last year. I am glad I joined and I'm looking forward to next year."
Sophomore
Araceli Gomez



"My first season was very enjoyable and filled with memories of my cross country brothers. I will truly miss ~~Scott~~ and I can't wait for next year."
Sophomore
Alex Ledderme



"Cross country was really fun. The team was very nice. I think I did okay for my freshman year, but I hope to improve next year."
Freshman
Ilse Jimenez

Varsity Football



Above, The 2006 Whiting High School Football Team. Coaches: Head Coach Jeff Cain. Assistants: Rob Segudovic, Willie Greer, Brett Jennings, Shawn Turpin. Captains: Seniors Juan Jimenez, Milan Milutinovic and Larry Rickmann.



Left, Senior Jose Marin congratulates his sophomore running back Alex Leddesma after an important touchdown against the Pioneers in the Battle of 119th Street.



Below, Senior Jimmy Augustyn points in the direction of where the blitz is going to come through the offensive line.



Above, Sophomore kicker Taylor Pokraka puts another field goal through the uprights.



Above, The front four of the kickoff team get down in a stance and ready to get the game underway against Clark.

Above, After another Oiler touchdown, seniors Milan Milutinovic and Mike Halajscik greet each other with a leaping high five!



Left, Senior receiver Juan Jimenez gets lined up and ready for the number of the play to be called.

Above, The Oilers are ready to march onto the field after their pre-game warm-up.



Above, Senior defensive tackles Jose Marin and Joe Brown give each other a few last second pointers before they get down in the trenches.



Above, Junior Nathan Sabol escorts junior attendant Claudia Torres down the football field at halftime of the homecoming game.



"My favorite memory was last year against KV because we played together as a defensive unit."

senior
Jose Marin



"I am going to miss all of my friends and Coach Cain who has put up with me for four years."

senior
Joe Brown



"My senior year was the best season for me because I got to start on offense."

senior
David Flishe



"Senior year went well. I think we did better than people expected us to do."

senior
Jimmy Augustyn



Above, Quarterback **Jeremy Du-meizich** scans the defense before he gets under center for the snap.



Above, Junior **Jon Lovasko** breaks down in pursuit of getting a quarterback sack against crosstown rivals, the Clark Pioneers.

OILERS VS.

River Forest	W
SB Riley	L
Calumet	W
Lake Station	W
Wheeler	W
Bishop Noll	W
Gavitt	W
Clark	W
Kankakee Valley	L
Culver	W
West Central	L
Overall Record 8-3	
Conf. Record 6-1	



Above, **David Fishel** (72) and **Brock Vale** (7) put up four fingers to show everyone that the Oilers are ready to play the fourth quarter.



Above, Senior wide receiver **Larry Rickmann** looks upfield for a blocker to follow so he can gain the extra yardage.



Above, "Senior year was pretty good. We won a lot of games where we got picked to lose." senior **Mike Spencer**



Above, Junior defensive end **Joe Franko** is down and ready to give the o-line a hard rush in the game against Gavitt.



Above, Junior **Matt Augustyn** runs out onto the field after a great victory over the Culver Cavaliers.



Left, Senior **Mike Halajscik** celebrates one of his numerous touchdowns by signaling that the Oilers are number 1.



Left, **Coach Cain** seems to have a different opinion than the official about the play being called on the field.



Above, Members of the **Wrecking Crew** await the call from Scoot for the next play on the defense.

If You Can't Handle the Train,
Get Off the Tracks

"Playing under the lights on Friday and just having fun doing what I do best is my favorite memory," senior **Joan Jimenez**



"My favorite memory is junior year against KV when we won the LAC Blue two years in a row," senior **Larry Rickmann**



"I will miss being with the guys, having that family feeling, and most of all Friday night lights," senior **Michael Halajscik**



"The past four years have been great. I'm going to miss the great brotherhood that we all had," senior **Mike Milutovic**



Varsity Volleyball



Above, The 2006 Varsity Volleyball Team. Standing: Emily Gazda, Melissa Dumezich, Sarah Watkins, Chelsea Strabav, Ashley Kietlyka, Abigail Gazda, Brittney Mansfield, Coach Erminger. Kneeling: Samantha Espinoza, Victoria Franco, Samantha Plavec, Eileen Mills-Groninger, Haleigh Suarez, Araceli Gomez, Adrianna Cruz, Katie Bazjatt.



Left, "Is she giving her a high-five?" No, **Mel Dumezich** reaches way above the net for a tip kill against Griffith.



This year was a season full of firsts for the Lady Oiler Varsity Volleyball Team. The team got a new coach, **Brian Erminger**, a new captain, **Abigail Gazda**, and many first year varsity players. Throughout the season the team went through some growing pains, but stuck together which made their successes even more enjoyable. The Lady Oilers reached team goals such as improving serving and hitting skills and worked hard in their sectional play. Their win-loss record does not reflect their efforts and teamwork. Though the Lady Oilers will be losing four seniors to graduation, they have high hopes for the upcoming season.

Left, First year Lady Oiler Coach **Brian Erminger** gives the team advice on hitting coverage before their third game against Clark. He previously coached the Calumet College of Saint Joseph's mens volleyball team.



Below, Freshman **Sarah Watkins** prepares to ace her new top spin serve against her opponent at a home match.



Above, Senior **Abigail Gazda** and junior **Ashley Kietlyka** get into stance to receive the serve and to set up the next play for the Lady Oilers.



Above, Sophomore **Melissa Dumezich** saves a tight set on the net to get one of her many kills.



Above, Setter **Samantha Plavec**, junior, uses her passing skills to bump set an outside hitter. Besides setting, **Plavec** occasionally played libero.

Left, Junior **Ashley Kietlyka** awaits the official's whistle to serve against Clark.



Above, Libero, junior **Victoria Franco**, gets another dig against the Clark in the Battle of 119th Street.

Above, Sophomore **Adrianna Cruz** gets into passing position for serve reception against the Westville Lady Blackhawks.



"My best game this season was against Kouts because I did good jump serving."
Junior
Ashley Kietlyka



"I enjoyed the season because we were competitive and it was my first year as captain."
senior
Abigail Gazda



"I remember the South Central game the most because I had perfect serving and great passing."
senior
Eileen Mills-Groninger



"Having a new coach took us to a new level of competition."
sophomore
Melissa Dumezich



Above, Seniors Samm Espinoza, Abigail Gazda, Eileen Mills-Groninger and Brittney Mansfield are celebrated for their four years of dedication to the volleyball team.



Above, Brittney Mansfield helps her team defeat Westville on Senior Night.



Above, Putting in the extra effort to save a stray ball on the third pass against the Westville Lady Blackhaws is Senior Samantha Espinoza. Espinoza doubled up as a defensive specialist and a setter.



Left, Going up for the double block against Westville is senior Abigail Gazda and junior Ashley Kieftka covered by Mel Dumezich.



Above, Being set up by the setter in an exciting game against Clark is sophomore Emily Gazda. Gazda was on JV her freshman year but proved to be a tough competitor in the 2006-2007 volleyball season.



Left, Setter Samantha Plavec receives a great pass from the back row to set up an outside hitter for an offensive play.



Above, The Lady Oilers celebrate a kill to take the lead against Clark and huddle up as the Pioneers are forced to call a timeout.

OILERS VS.	Washington Township	L	Calumet	L
	East Chicago Central	W	Morton	L
	River Forest	W	Wheeler	L
	Wheeler	L	Boone Grove	L
	Morgan Township	L	Kouts	L
	Clark	L	Griffith	W
	L.C.rosse	W	West Side	L
	Gavit	W	Hammond	L
	Tippecanoe Valley	L	Hebron	L
	L.C. Christian	L	Bishop Noll	L
	North Newton	L	Hobart	L
	Morton	L	South Central	W
	Hanover Central	L	Westville	W
	Calumet	L	Gavit	W
	Roosevelt	W	Clark	L
	Munster	L	Morgan Township	L
	Lake Station	W		
Overall Record 10-23				

Right, The team discusses some strategies before their second game.



Below, Defensive specialist Eileen Mills-Groninger waves off teammates to make the pass to the setter.



Above, Ready for the ball, Sarah Watkins stands on defense at the net.

Laying Down New Tracks

<p>"Overall, this season was good. We all improved and our coach taught us a lot." Junior Victoria Franco</p>	<p>"Senior Night went really well this year. Winning made it even better." Senior Brittney Mansfield</p>	<p>"My best game this season was against E.C. Central because I had a good setting game." senior Samm Espinoza</p>	<p>"Playing on varsity improved my game because of the higher level of competition." freshman Sarah Watkins</p>
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Boys Varsity Basketball



Above the 2006-2007 Boys Varsity Basketball Team. Front Row: Juan Jimenez, Brock Vale, Nathan Sabol, Michael Rokicki, Richie Munoz. Second Row: Tim Wajvoda, Jeremy Dumezich, Damian Serrano, Noah Watkins, Taylor Pokraka. Third Row: Jonathan Hayes, Coach Jennings, Coach Lenz, Coach Rodgers and Daniel Macon.



Above, Junior Noah Watkins shows off his skills by putting up a three-pointer against River Forest. Looks like no one can stop him!



Left, Senior Juan Jimenez's defense ends up paying off in the game against River Forest. The Oilers won 41-37 in double overtime.



Above, Center, senior Damian Serrano, shakes hands with his opponent prior to tip-off.



Above, The varsity team huddles together to get some words of encouragement before playing the big game.

The 2006-2007 basketball season got off to a rough start, considering the team lost some of their key players from last year. "We had an inexperienced group that struggled with the competition level that we need at the varsity level," **Coach Lenz** stated. "We did show marked improvement over the year and learned how to compete and execute. The success of our program always depends on how hard our kids work in the off season," Lenz continued. The long practices and hard work that the team put in just didn't show on their record this year. Even though the Oilers won only two games, they still kept their heads high and didn't give up. Senior Co-Captain **Damian Serrano** and junior **Noah Watkins** received LAC Blue honorable mentions.



Above, Juniors Jeremy Dumezich and Nathan Sabol use their time wisely and take a few minutes to stretch.



Above, Junior Brock Vale looks straight ahead, hoping to score some points for the Oilers.



"Even though we lost some players, we still managed some wins and to play as a team."
senior
Juan Jimenez



"Even though we didn't win many games, we still didn't give up."
senior
Damian Serrano



"This basketball season I felt that I became a better player and despite all the losses, I had fun."
junior
Noah Watkins



"This season started off rough. We had a lot of close games and we managed to win two games."
junior
Jeremy Dumezich



Above, Juan Jimenez holds the ball and waits patiently as Noah Watkins makes his way down the court.



Above, Noah Watkins and Daniel Macon get pumped up as their names are announced before the start of a home game.



Above, Damian Serrano demonstrates what D-E-F-E-N-S-E is all about by rejecting his River Forest opponent's failed attempt at two points.



Above, Junior Tim Wajvoda keeps his hands up in hopes of stopping the player on the opposing team.



Right, Sophomore Daniel Macon puts some points on the board for Whiting by sinking a lay-up.



Right, Noah Watkins stands his ground and keeps a good eye on his opponent in a close game.

Above, Junior Jonathan Hayes looks for an open man in the game against the Gavit Gladiators.



Above, Jeremy Dumezich gets in position to stop the offensive play.

OILERS VS.	Washington Twp	L
	Morton	L
	Clark	L
	Westville	L
	Wheeler (Tourney)	L
	Gavit (Tourney)	L
	Hanover Central	L
	Gritth	L
	Lake Station	L
	Kankakee Valley	L
	Wheeler	L
	North Newton	W
	Hobart	L
	Gavit	L
	Grant Park	L
	Lowell	(Canceled)
	Mc Marquette	L
	River Forest	W
	Hebron	L
	Clark	L
Sectionals		
Hebron		L
Overall Record		2-18
LAC BLUE		0-7

A Season Derailed



"This season had its ups and downs. Regardless of all the losses, I still had fun playing the game."
Junior

Jonathan Hayes



"I had fun playing basketball for my first year of high school,"
freshman

Andrew Lowe



"Even though we didn't win a lot of games, we still played as a team and did a good job. I had a lot of fun playing this year."
junior

Michael Bobicki



"Even though our record wasn't good, we still managed to have fun,"
sophomore

Daniel Mason

Girls Varsity Basketball



Above, The 2006-2007 Girls Varsity Basketball Team. Kneeling: Victoria Franco, Adrianna Cruz, Emily Gazda, Sarah Watkins, Natalie Mendez. Standing: Coach Joe Pokraka, Ashley Kieltyka, Chelsae Strabavy, Abigail Gazda, Coach Ed Salczynski.



Left, Senior Abigail Gazda appreciates the signs her team made.



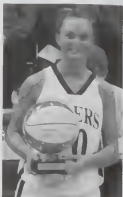
Left, Natalie Mendez and Abigail Gazdas shake hands with Lowell opponents.



Above, Going in for a lay-up against the Morton Governors, **Emily Gazda** gets the shot and the block call for an extra free throw.



Below, Senior **Abigail Gazda** was presented with a basketball trophy when she achieved her thousandth point against Morton on Dec. 7.



Left, Freshman Sarah Watkins uses her hangtime as an advantage to score a against the Gavitt Gladiators.

This year the Lady Oilers went face-to-face with some pretty insurmountable odds such as the loss of over five players, lack of upperclassmen, and low numbers. In the end the Lady Oilers not only met their goal of a winning season, but surpassed feats they did not even consider, as upperclassmen kept their stats up and underclassmen stepped up to help out on their small bench. Pleasant surprises came from every corner of the court for the Lady Oilers this season. Senior **Abigail Gazda** earned her 1000th career point and became the school's second leading scorer behind Becca Papach. Also, Gazda and junior **Ashley Kietlyka** were recognized on the LAC Blue 1st Team for the last time, since this was the last year of the Lake Athletic Conference for all sports because the conference will be disbanding. The team also achieved some personal goals of a winning season and beating specific teams such as Clark, Washington Twp., and Lowell. All in all the Lady Oilers' successful season was a result of hard work and a team effort.



Above, Sophomore **Adi Cruz** looks on for an outlet pass while junior **Ashley Kieltyka** takes the ball in for two points.



Above, Junior Victoria Franco plays tough defense against Morton in the last ever LAC Blue Holiday Tournament.



Above, Dribbling the ball up the court to set up the next play is sophomore **Emily Gazda**.





Above, The Lady Oilers make a grand entrance on Senior Night against Gavit by breaking through a hoop.



Above, The varsity team stands hand in hand to honor our nation during the playing of the national anthem before their game against Morton.



Left, Rebounding during warm-ups is freshman Chelsea Strabavy.



Right, Inbounding the ball is Sarah Watkins who played varsity as a freshman.



Left, Natalie Mendez, Victoria Franco, and Ashley Kietlyka wait to present Abby Gazda with flowers on Senior Night.



Left, Abigail Gazda goes for the basket and the foul.



Left, Lady Oiler fans applaud Abigail Gazda as she is honored for reaching the 1000th point milestone.



Left, Jumping high to get tip the against the Governors is junior Ashley Kietlyka.



Above, The sectional team gathers around some of their signs during their last week of practice.

Below, To get pumped up, the varsity team does their pregame cheer before warming up.



Above, Varsity players crowd around the basket to fight for the rebound.

OILERS VS.

Clark	W
Westville	L
Calumet	L
Bishop Noll	L
Washington Twp.	W
Highland	L
Morton	L
LaCrosse	W
Clark	W
Lake Station	W
River Forest	W
Morton	L
Hebron	L
Hammond High	L
M.C. Marquette	W
Griffith	L
Wheeler	L
Lowell	W
Gavit	W
South Central	W
Kouts	L
Overall Record	10-11

Covering Ground

<p>"I am going to miss Abby Oiler, but I am really looking forward to next year." sophomore Emily Gazda</p>	<p>"I had fun and learned a lot because varsity was very competitive." freshman Chelsea Strabavy</p>	<p>"Varsity this year was a lot of fun, I learned a lot and the season was exciting." sophomore Adrienne</p>	<p>"This season was great because the team got along and we had a good record." senior Abigail Gazda</p>
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Above, The 2006-2007 Varsity Cheerleading Squad. Top Row: Michelle Mirza, Emilee Kalocinski, Coach Jackie Diaz, Kayla Perez, Rebecca Maslikowski. Bottom Row: Claudia Torres, Amy Mahony and Elizabeth Sahagun.



Left, Rebecca Maslikowski, Claudia Torres, Emilee Kalocinski, Elizabeth Sahagun, Kayla Perez, Allison Miller and Amy Mahony pose for a group picture before the homecoming parade.

This year involved many changes for the cheerleaders, which wasn't easy for the squad. Key members of the squad had graduated and they also lost a talented coach. At the beginning of football season, former Whiting High cheerleader, **Jackie Diaz** came on as head coach. Diaz helped the squad bond and improve their skills, but unfortunately with only five weeks left to go in basketball season, resigned her position. The squad then took on another coach, WMS cheerleading coach **Olivia Rhodemel**. Rhodemel, who hopes to return next year, taught the squad many new skills that will help them in the future. The squad will be losing seniors **Kayla Perez**, **Allison Miller** and **Elizabeth Sahagun**. The graduating seniors wish the returning squad well and hope they get to experience great things next cheerleading season.

Below, Seniors **Allison Miller**, **Juliana Cruz**, **Kayla Perez** and **Elizabeth Sahagun** take a break from cheering during a football game.



Above, The varsity squad gets the crowd going during a crucial moment in the game against the River Forest Ingots.



Above, Juniors **Rebecca Maslikowski**, **Claudia Torres**, and **Emilee Kalocinski** watch the senior skit at the homecoming pep rally.



Above, **Kayla Perez** and **Claudia Torres** practice a shoulder sit stunt before a varsity basketball game at Hebron.

Left, **Elizabeth Sahagun**, **Claudia Torres**, **Sandra Silva**, **Kayla Perez** and **Tanjaridinla Daniels** practice a couple stunts while warming up before performing for the crowd.



Above, The varsity and junior varsity squads stand quietly during the singing of our national anthem.



Above, Varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders sing the school song while walking in the homecoming parade on their way to the bonfire.



Above, Seniors **Allison Miller**, **Kayla Perez** and **Elizabeth Sahagun** stand with their proud parents at Senior Night during halftime.



"Cheerleading this year was a little bittersweet. Despite the change in coaches, it was nice getting to know the new girls and getting closer to the returning girls. I'm really going to miss our seniors!"
Rebecca Maslikowski



"I thought cheerleading was awesome. I really liked it for my first year. And I'm planning on doing it next year."
Sophomore Sandra Silva



"Being a cheerleader was fun. I had a lot of fun working with the other cheerleaders. I also had a lot of great moments that I will never forget. Like when we got *Awake*'s last take-down. I'm going to miss these good days!"
Sophomore Tanjaridinla Daniels



"Cheerleading was so much fun this year. It was a bit rough with different coaches, but I enjoyed it a lot. I'm going to miss our fun times together!"
Senior Elizabeth Sahagun



Above, Senior Allison Miller, sophomore Sandra Silva and freshman Ilse Jimenez perform a cheer during a very intense JV basketball game.



Above, The varsity and JV squads begin a cheer in hopes of getting the crowd pumped up during a home game.



Above, Elizabeth Sahagun and Claudia Torres anxiously wait for the game to begin.



Above, The 2006-2007 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders. Top Row: Allison Miller, Coach Jackie Diaz, Heather Stupeck. Bottom Row: Ilse Jimenez, Tanjaridinla Daniels, and Sandra Silva.



Above, The JV cheerleaders practice their stunts with newcomer Ilse Jimenez to make sure they are ready before their performance at halftime.



Above, Seniors Julianna Cruz (left) and Elizabeth Sahagun (right) walk happily onto the football field during halftime with their parents as they're announced for Senior Night.



Above, The cheerleaders perform a half-time cheer to get the crowd pumped for the rest of the basketball game.



Left, Juniors Rebecca Maslikowski and Emilee Kalocinski get tangled in a lei from Mrs. Mindas at the homecoming game.



Left, Freshman Amy Mahony and her lifting group practice what's called a liberty, one of the hardest stunts she's learned this year.



Above, Despite the bitter October cold, the girls remain in high spirits.

Yell for the Train



"This year was so much fun! I have so many memories from this year and all the girls. We accomplished a lot and learned a lot from each other. I can't wait to see all the girls in the future!"
senior
Kayla Pence
captain



"Cheerleading was very fun we had so many goofy and hilarious moments. We will miss our seniors Kayla, Lizzy and Allison very much!"
junior
Claudia Torres

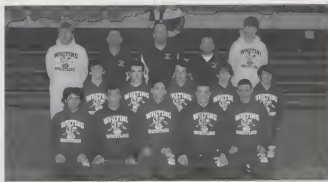


"Cheerleading this year was very fun for me. I learned a lot of new things. I hope it will be just as fun next year."
freshman
Amy Mahony



"Cheerleading was rough at the beginning since we kept getting a new coach, but in the end it all came together. I can't wait to see you all next year!"
junior
Emilee Kalocinski
co-captain

Varsity Wrestling



Above, The 2006-2007 Varsity Wrestling Team. First Row: Alex Leddesma, Adam Flores, Captain Milan Milutinovic, Captain Joe Brown, Josef Kelm. Second Row: Jimmy Augustyn, Jon Lovasko, Matt Augustyn, Ryan Augustyn, Steven Atteberry. Third Row: Patrick Percianoff, Assistant Coach Rob Pettit, Head Coach Rob Segudovic and Assistant Coach Mike Flores and Thomas Grotta.



Left, Coach Flores gives a few post-match pointers to freshman **Ryan Augustyn**, telling him to keep his head in the match and work on the basics that has been fine tuning for months.

The 2006-2007 wrestling season was another one for the history books. Once again two Whiting wrestlers prevailed as sectional champs and qualified for both the regional and semi-state. The Oilers began the season 23 wrestlers strong, but finished with a mere 11. The wrestlers had a good showing at the sectional, qualifying four wrestlers for the regional. The four wrestlers included **Joe Brown**, **Matt Augustyn**, **Milan Milutinovic** and **Adam Flores**. A new core of freshmen also came into play this year. Although it was their first year on varsity, they proved that they have what it takes to step out on the mat. "Some wrestlers showed some talent this year, but talent doesn't make you win," stated **Coach Segudovic**. Coach also left this advice for the departing seniors, "If you can make it through all the tough times in the wrestling room, then you will definitely be prepared for what life will throw at you." The Oilers hope to rebound next year and come out hungry for victory.



Above, Senior **Joe Brown** grapples for position against the opposition from Munster to find his way into the sectional championship.



Left, Junior **Matthew Augustyn** gains control of his rival opponent's head to see what move he will attempt next.



Above, **Jon Lovasko** is congratulated by his teammates on his come-from-behind win against the Gary Wirt Troopers.

Above, The varsity wrestlers prepare for what could be the last day of wrestling at the East Chicago Sectional.

Above, **Joe Brown** gets a late take-down straight to his opponent's back in the sectional championship.



Above, Sophomore **Alex Leddesma** reaches under his opponent's head to try to run the "front three-quarter" for the pin in his sectional match.



Above, **Adam Flores** underhooks his opponent's back on his way to a quick pin.



<p>"I'm going to miss wrestling, but all in all I had an awesome four years," senior Jimmy Augustyn</p>	<p>"This was a great season for me because I worked hard and made it to regionals," junior Matt Augustyn</p>	<p>"I had a great four years at Whiting and I'm going to miss every second of it," senior Milan Milutinovic</p>	<p>"I would like to thank everyone who helped me push so hard for four years," senior Joe Brown</p>
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Above, These loyal fans came to the East Chicago Sectional to see history in the making with **Milan Milutinovic** achieving his 100th career win.



Above, Heading on to regionals, **Coaches Rob, Scoot, and Flores** along with the two sectional champs, **Milutinovic and Brown**, show that once again they're number one.

OILERS VS.		L
Aurora	1st	W
North Newton	1st	W
Lake Station	1st	W
Bismar Grove	1st	W
East Chicago	1st	W
Hammond High	1st	W
River Forest	1st	W
Indianapolis	1st	W
DeKalb	1st	W
Crest	1st	W
Madison	1st	W
West Side	1st	W
Harvard Central	1st	W
Chapel	1st	W
Lake Station	1st	W
Cory Wirt	1st	W
LAC, Tron	1st	W
Sectionals	1st	W
Overall Record	1st	W



Above, **Milan Milutinovic** earns his 100th win in the sectional championship by "sticking" his opponent with one of his most favorite moves, "the crossface cradle."



Above, **Steven Atteberry** gets his hand raised in his placement match at the sectional. Although he did not advance to regionals, Atteberry will be a force in the next three years to come.



Above, The varsity seniors take time out from their long day of wrestling to show off their big "guns" to Ms. Hylek.



Above, Senior **Jimmy Augustyn** is on top and waits patiently for the whistle to blow so he can break down his opponent.

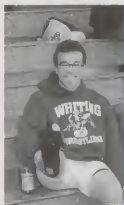


Above, **Alex Leddesma** gets his legs in on the opposition and runs the "power half" to get some last minute back points.

No Substitute for Victory



Left, **Joe Brown** stands in determination as his name and accomplishments are being announced before the sectional championship.



Left, **Adam Flores** shows that he's feeling a little "holy" after a full day of hard wrestling. Flores was one of the four to advance to regionals.



Above, Senior captains **Milan Milutinovic** and **Joe Brown** stand in front of the plaque to commemorate the great **Coach Bill Rebey**.



"This was my first year out and I had lots of fun learning new things."
Junior
Jon Lovaske



"Wrestling was very fun, but lots of hard work that paid off in the end."
Junior
Adam Flores



"Wrestling was really fun this year; I got to wrestle vanity as a freshman."
Freshman
Ryan Augustyn



"My first year of vanity wrestling was awesome; I hope to excel for next year."
Freshman
Steven Atteberry

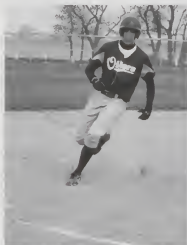
Varsity Baseball



Above, The 2007 Varsity Baseball Team. First Row: Steven Combs, Brock Vale, Scott Drewniak, Joseph Murzyn. Second Row: Jeremy Dumezich, Michael Rokicki, Taylor Pokraka, Nathan Sabol, Steven Coleman, Larry Rickmann. Third Row: Coach Segudovic, Jon Lovasko, Timothy Wajvoda, Damian Serrano and Coach Lenz.



Above, Senior **Damian Serrano** gets down and ready at third in a game against his former school, E. C. Central.



Above, There's no stopping junior **Jeremy Dumezich** who rounds third to go home and score for the Oilers.



Above, Junior **Michael Rokicki** is prepared for anything hit his way.



Above, Junior **Brock Vale** gets out of the way before a wild pitch hits him.



Above, Freshman **Joseph Murzyn** carefully watches the runner and is ready to throw him out at second base.



Above, Sophomore **Taylor Pokraka** waits to get the sign from **Coach Lenz** before stepping into the batters box.



Above, **Nathan Sabol** swings to get a hit to give the Oilers the go ahead run.

The 2007 baseball season was a roller-coaster season for the Oilers. There were only four seniors on this year's team making the team a very young one. Senior **Steven Combs** was the team leader who set multiple career records for himself in batting and fielding. **Coach Lenz** stated that although the team had a tough season, they found a consistent line up toward the end of the season and set an IHSAA record by scoring 22 runs in one inning in a come-from-behind 36-17 win over Washington Township. With the success towards the end of the season, hopes improved for a successful postseason, but the Oilers lost in the first round of sectionals.



"This season had its up and downs but turned around at the end of the year." senior
Steven Combs



"This was one season that I will never forget and I will miss my fellow seniors." senior
Scott Drewniak



"It was a fun year-much better than the last year." senior
Damian Serrano



"I'm gonna miss of the seniors from this year." junior
Nathan Sabol



Above, Putting the tag on his Gavil opponent is **Steven Combs**.



Above, Waiting for the throw from the pitcher, junior **Jon Lovasko** prepares to pick off the runner at first.



Above, Pitcher **Steven Coleman** throws another strike at his opponent.



Above, Junior **Tim Wajvoda** beats the throw and slides into third, setting up an Oiler run.

Right, Junior **Daniel Macon** gets ready to catch the fly ball to end the inning for the Oilers.



Right, Senior **Larry Rickmann** looks serious while he listens to **Coach Lenz's** advice.



Right, Senior **Steven Combs** takes off to steal third. **Combs** led the team in steals.



OILERS VS.	Mission Twp	W
	Columbia	L
	Westville	L
	Calumet	W
	Wheeler	L
	Hanover Central	L
	Lake Station	W
	E.C. Central	L
	Hammond High	W
	Gavitt	W
	LaCrosse	L
	Morton	L
	Clark	L
	Calumet	L
	Wheeler	L
	Lake Station	W
	Highland	L
	Hammond High	L
	Gavitt	L
	Morton	L
	Clark	L
	Gary Roosevelt	W
	Cont. Tourney	L
	Cont. Tourney	L
	Cont. Tourney	L
	Cont. Tourney	L
	MC Marquette	L
	Washington Twp.	W
	Hebron	W
	Sectionals	L
Season Record 12-19		

Rollercoaster Season



"We came out and won some games but hopefully we can win a sectional next year."
Junior
Will Damesich



"Even though we didn't have the season we wanted, we had fun this year."
Junior
Brock Vale



"This season was great, and I had a lot of fun playing on varsity."
Junior
Taylor Polkaba



"This season overall was a good season and next year should be better."
Junior
Jon Louvish

Varsity/JV Golf



Above, The 2007 Golf Team. Front Row: Victor Garcia, Abigail Gazda, Manager Destiny Macon, Danny Atteberry, Jacob Wright. Back Row: Santiago Nieto, Chris Smith, Robert Anderson, Bernard Karlow, and Coach Kathy Herochik.



Left, Attempting to save a few strokes - Santiago Nieto tries to read the green to find a line for a long put from just off the green.



Above, Freshman Jacob Wright takes his time before his putt.



Left, Sophomore Robert Anderson lines up his tee shot.



Above, Senior Abigail Gazda is finishing up the hole with a six foot putt during the match against Morton.



Above, Sophomore Danny Atteberry is doing some stretches before his match against Bishop Nol.



Above, Manager Destiny Macon and Coach Herochik share a few laughs with each other before the match begins.



Above, Senior Chris Smith carefully figures out his shot.



Above, Danny Atteberry and Bernard Karlow go over some techniques before they have to hit.

<p>"What I liked most about being on the golf team was being able to meet all the different people." sophomore Bernard Karlow</p>	<p>"I like golf because I meet interesting people, I learn new things, and I get to practice for free." sophomore Robert Anderson</p>	<p>"I like the many challenges I faced and I hope to do a lot better next year." sophomore Victor Garcia</p>	<p>"Making the varsity team is an accomplishment for me; I had fun golfing with the only other senior." senior Abigail Gazda</p>
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Above, Bernard Karlow attempts to make his long putt at Lost Marsh.



Above, Robert Anderson and Jacob Wright get some pointers from Coach Herochik.

OILERS VS.	Calumet	L
	Hammond High	W
	Gavit	W
	Griffith	L
	Morton	L
	Lake Station	W
	Wheeler	L
	Clark	L
	Conference Tmny	13th
	EC/Gary Wirt	W/W
	Sectionals	10th
	Overall Record	5 - 11
	Conf. Record	3 - 7



Above, Junior Santiago Nieto finds himself in some heavy rough and powers his way out of it onto the green.



Above, Abigail Gazda removes the flag for her opponents so they can finish the second hole against Clark.



Above, Sophomore Victor Garcia is looking over his scores with his playing partner at the next tee.



Above, Bernard Karlow and Jacob Wright head towards the fairway to hit their next shot.



Left, Jacob Wright finishes up with a nice follow through on his first tee shot at Lost Marsh in his match against Bishop Noll.



Left, Bernard Karlow is patiently waiting for his opponents to finish their shots so he can line up his putt and move on to the next hole.



Above, Abigail Gazda and Chris Smith discuss their strategies before their match against Calumet.

On Track for Par



"The thing I like most is being able to see all of the different golf courses." senior
Chris Smith



"I didn't think I would like golf at first, but I do, and I made some friends along the way." junior
Santiago Nieto



"What I like best about the golf team is that I get to be with my friends." freshman
Jacob Wright



"The thing I liked most about golf is the interesting people you meet during the season." sophomore
Denny Atteberry

Softball



Above, The 2007 Lady Oilers Softball Team. First Row: Shelby Eudakis, Victoria Franco, Samantha Plavec, Erica Simunic, Zeena Darji. Second Row: Mel Dumezich, Ashley Kietlyka, Chelsae Strabavy, Sarah Watkins, Sarah Jansky, Natalie Mendez. Stats Keeper Tanjardin Daniels. Third Row: Head Coach Paul Laub, Assistant Athletic Director Joel Romero. Adi Cruz, Lauren Vega, Katie Bajzatt, Kelly Jansky, Coach Michelle Kobli, Coach Kelly Greer, and Assistant Coach Bruce Stewart.



Left, Freshman Sarah Watkins looks intimidating against M.C. Marquette opponents.



Left, Sarah and Kelly Jansky, proudly pose with Coach Laub after winning sectionals.

Though being state champions is a great honor, it's also somewhat of a curse, depending on how you look at it. Throughout the season, the Lady Oilers were the team to beat, and that is especially true during post-season play. Despite the pressure put on the team, they lived up to the challenge by once again winning the Class 1A Sectional Championship. "I think we had a very successful season," said Coach Paul Laub. "This year was more nerve-racking than last year, and our win at sectionals really showed our talent as a team," said sophomore Mel Dumezich. Even with all the pressure put upon them to repeat last year's success, the Lady Oilers have done exceptionally well this season. In addition to being sectional champions, they won the Pioneer Tourney and were co-champs of the Lake Athletic Conference Blue division. "Losing at regionals was tough, but I know all in all we had a pretty good season," stated junior Samantha Plavec. "As Mr. Laub said, 'it was quite alright,'" Plavec continued.



Above, Diving for the ball, junior Natalie Mendez makes an amazing catch to save a run from scoring.

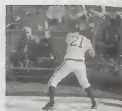


Above, Catcher Adi Cruz gets a glove on a low pitch thrown by Dumezich.



Above, Freshman Erica Simunic eagerly waits for the ball.

Below, Junior Victoria Franco puts the tag on her opponent to end the inning.



Above, Standing at the plate waiting for the ball to come across is sophomore Adi Cruz.



Above, Mel Dumezich, Sarah Jansky and Ashley Kietlyka take a moment on the field to discuss strategy.



Above, Junior Ashley Kietlyka throws the ball back in to the pitcher after getting another runner out at first.



"Softball season was a lot of fun. I just wish we could have gone further than we did!"

Junior
Ashley Kietlyka



"Our season was a lot of fun. I like seeing the team grow and succeed."

sophomore
Mel Dumezich



"Coming into this season many people doubted that we would even win a sectional again."

junior
Samantha Plavec



"This season was more than I expected. We did great with a sectional title and I was a part of it!"

sophomore
Adi Cruz



Above, Mr. Laub has a talk with the team to break the opponents' momentum and get the girls refocused.



Above, The Lady Oiler softball team displays their sectional trophy for all to see after their 4-0 victory against Washington Township.



Above, Firing a pitch towards the plate, Mel Dumezich, one of Indiana's best pitchers, strikes out yet another one of her many opponents.



Above, Battling the cold, second baseman, senior Kelly Jansky, patiently keeps her eye on the batter.



Above, Victoria Franco throws out the runner on a ground ball.



Left, Junior Samantha Plavec takes off from second as soon as the ground ball is hit to the first base side against the Clark-Pioneers.



Left, Mel Dumezich and Adi Cruz discuss how they should approach the hitter in a crucial game against Wheeler.



Above, Three up...three down! The outfielders await the start of the inning.



Above, Freshman Shelby Eudakis is congratulated by Coach Stewart after getting on first.

OILERS V S .	Cabot	W
	Morgan Township	L
	Wheeler	W
	Lake Station	W
	Hammond	W
	Lake Station	W
	Covet	W
	MC Marquette	W
	Morton	W
	Clark	W
	Pioneer	W
	North White	W
	Custon	W
	Cabot	W
	South Central	L
	Lake Station	W
	Wheeler	L
	Hammond High	W
	Helbron	W
	LC Central	W
	Covet	W
	Morton	W
	Clark	W
	River Forest	W
	Harbor Central	W
	Kouts	W
	Westville	W
	Morgan Township	W
	Helbron	W
	Washington Township	W
	L.P. Christian	L
Overall Record 26-4		

On the Winning Track



"This softball season went well and although we didn't go as far as last season, we still had a good season and we can look forward to next year."
Junior

Victoria Franco



"Softball was by far my best high school sports experience. I learned a lot this year and I can't wait until next year!"
freshman

Sarah Watkins



"Softball for me this year has been awesome. Now that I actually get to play, it is more exciting. Right field rocks!"
junior

Natalie Mendes



"This season was great even though I was the only senior on the team this year."
senior

Kelly Jansky

Varsity Tennis



Above, The 2007 Tennis Team. Standing: Coach Arthur Young, Michelle Mirza, Allison Miller, Tiffany Bayless, Samantha Thompson, Melanie Becerra, Assistant Coach Eric Winn. Kneeling: Katherine Staley, Ashley Thompson, Becca Maslikowski, Maegan Stribiak, Ariel Reyna, Maira Medina. Sitting: Claudia Torres, Melissa Rodriguez, Araceli Gomez, Berenice Frausto, Alexia Obregon. Sitting: Sarah Wheeler, Amy Mahony, Courtney Winkleman and Kim Atteberger.

The tennis season at Whiting High School this year was its best by far, mainly due to the fact that the team brought home a sectional title for the first time in the school's history. "I am very proud of the team. After the past couple of years all of their hard work and dedication finally paid off," said **Coach Arthur Young**. Besides their success in sectionals, sophomore **Araceli Gomez** and junior **Michelle Mirza** took home second place in the 2007 Hammond Tournament for singles, and juniors **Melanie Becerra** and **Tiffany Bayless** took home first place in the tournament for doubles. Overall the team performed very well, especially considering there was only one senior, **Allison Miller**, on the team. "She held this team together from the beginning to the end. I am proud of her as well as the rest of the team on winning sectionals, especially because it was her last year," stated Coach Young. With its experience and success, the team has a bright future ahead, with almost the entire team returning.



Above, Coach Arthur Young and Assistant Coach Eric Winn give senior **Allison Miller** some words of encouragement during her match.



Above, Practice makes perfect! The tennis team stretches before a hard and long day of tennis practice to get ready for a big meet the next day.



Above, No. 2 singles player, sophomore **Araceli Gomez**, returns a serve at Whiting Park against the Wheeler Bearcats.



Above, Junior **Michelle Mirza**, playing No. 3 singles, concentrates hard and gets ready to make her game winning point in a match at home.



Left, Lone senior **Allison Miller** practices her serves before beginning her winning match.



Above, Varsity doubles partners, juniors **Melanie Becerra** and **Tiffany Bayless** are proud of all of their many accomplishments together this season.



Above, After being introduced to the opposing team, **Araceli Gomez** receives a lot of support from her teammates to get her pumped for her match.



"This tennis season was quite some. It was amazing winning sectionals. We all bonded so much and I'm going to miss all the girls next year. Oh yeah, **WHOOO WHOOO!**"

senior
Allison Miller
captain



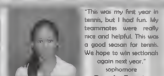
"This year was awesome. I had a great season and we won sectionals and were so happy. Winning sectionals was the best because that has never happened in tennis at Whiting, and it was nice to know that up close history."

senior
Melanie Becerra



"This was my first year playing tennis and it turned out to be a great year. I met a lot of fun people and enjoyed learning how to play. I am really looking forward to next year."

freshman
Alexia Obregon



"This was my first year in tennis, but I had fun. My teammates were really nice and helpful. This was a good season for tennis. We hope to win sectionals again next year."

sophomore
Berenice Frausto



Above, Coach Young takes a break from the varsity games to announce the line-up for JV.



Above, First year varsity doubles partners, sophomores **Melissa Rodriguez** and **Courtney Winkelman**, play well together and look forward to next year.



Above, After winning the first sectional tennis title in Whiting High School history, the tennis team and their coaches celebrate by posing with their championship trophy.



Left, Tiffany Bayless gets ready to ace the serve to take the lead in a match against the Morton Governors.



Left, No. 1 singles **Allie Miller** carefully watches her serve in hopes of scoring another point to win the match.



Above, Junior **Melanie Becerra**, playing No. 1 doubles, placed first in the Hammond Tournament with her partner, junior **Tiffany Bayless**.



Above, After their sectional victory, the tennis team paraded through Whiting on a firetruck escorted by police and fans. Below, Junior Sam Thompson waits for the parade to begin.

OILERS VS.

Morton	W
Bishop Noll	W
Hobart	L
Griffith	L
Calumet	L
Lake Station	W
Hanover Central	L
Elk Central	W
Hammond	W
Wheeler	W
Clark	W
River Forest	L
Gavit	W
West Side	W
Sectionals	W
Regionals	L
Overall Record	13-5
Conf. Record	8-4

The Little Engine That Could



"Tennis was so fun. I learned a lot from the upperclassmen and Mr. Young. I hope I can do it again next year."

Kimberly Attkerry



"Traveling nationally was the most rewarding moment of my life. The best part was all of us riding the freeways and seeing people acknowledging our achievement. I was also very happy for **Adrian** and **Mr. Young**. **Adrian** held out his hand to me at the airport and I felt this was a great way to end his senior year. I feel we were fortunate as much for life. Young is a success."

ALFRED



"Winning seasonally was the perfect ending to this season. I was anxious to see what spot I was going to play this year so winning volleyball on Feb. 2 single gives me a lot of confidence. I am really looking forward to next year,"

Seahamers

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"It was an interesting incident, especially since it was the first time it happened in 'Whiting' as we called and heard the fireworks. I played the final match for the **Albion** and **Mr. Young** the first against **Albion** was the first. Our team, as far as winning or losing, but the final was very interesting." —
the editor.

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JV Football

OILERS VS.	River Forest	L
	Kankakee Val.	L
	Calumet	L
	Lake Station	L
	Wheeler	L
	Bishop Noll	W
	Gavit	L
	Clark	W
Overall Record 2-6		



Left, Sophomore **Thomas Garcia** takes a moment to catch his breath during the time out.



Above, The JV football team huddles around **Coach Jennings** during a timeout to discuss the next play.



Above, Freshman **Eduardo Reyes**, ball carrier for the Oilers, gains some yards in a game against Calumet.



Left, Team mates congratulate sophomore **Angelo Cruz** on his touchdown.

With most players from last year's JV team moving up to the varsity level, the JV football team started out with many new players this year. Even though they got off to a rough start, they managed to pull two wins by the season's end. "Our JV season was a success," said **Coach Brett Jennings**. "From the first game to the last you could see a definite improvement. Our kids learned the system, gained confidence, and most importantly, bought into the program. We look to have some of these kids make major contributions at the varsity level next year," Jennings continued.



Left, Sophomore **Ricardo Munoz** goes up defensively against the Calumet Warriors.



Above, Junior **Matt Augustyn**, freshman **Eduardo Reyes** and junior **Jimmie Nieto** get in place on defense.



Above, The JV teams line up, waiting patiently for the whistle to be blown and for the play to start.

Below, Freshmen **Steven Atteberry** and **Enrique Silva** get ready to help the Oilers make a big play on offense.



Below, JV quarterback **Nathan Sabol** waits for the ball to enter his hands.



Training Day...



"My favorite part of the season was when I threw my first touchdown to **Ryan Willoughby**."
junior **Nathan Sabol**



"My favorite part about the JV football season was when we faced Clark and won 6-6. It was a great game."
sophomore **Thomas Garcia**



"The best part of this season was shutting out Clark and hanging out with my friends."
sophomore **Ryan Willoughby**



"The best part of this JV football season was having **Nathan Sabol** at quarterback and listening to **Willoughby's** crazy antics."
sophomore **Ricardo Munoz**

"We had a great u-ball season this year. It was a lot of hard work and sweat, but it was completely worth it." sophomore
Alexis Luna



"Working with the new coaches was very exciting and it gave us a great new learning experience." sophomore
Haleigh Suarez



"Volleyball this year was a lot different. The new coaches were successful and we all had a great time playing." sophomore
Adrianna Cruz



"This year's season was amazing. The new coaches were easy to get along with and made it very fun." sophomore
Zeena Darji

This year was certainly a learning experience for the junior varsity volleyball team. With a new coach and incoming freshmen, the girls had to get along and learn their way around the court. "Coaching these girls was a great experience and I'm glad Whiting was the first place I'm coaching at. The fans were very supportive and loud at our games," said Coach Jeanine Haas.



Above, Sophomore **Adrianna Cruz** and freshman **Chelsae Strabavy** go up for a double block against Griffith High School at home.

Below, Freshman **Lauren McNinch** passes the ball to a teammate to set it up for a kill against their opponent to win the game.



Above, Sophomore **Veronica Gomez** serves the volleyball against Westville High School.

Below, Sophomore **Haleigh Suarez** spikes the ball over the net, gaining another point for her team.



Above, New coach **Jeanine Haas** talks strategy to her team during a timeout.



Left, Sophomore **Alexis Luna** and freshman **Lauren Ewing** block their opponent's attempted spike.



Above, The JV and C-Team Volleyball Teams. Sitting: **Veronica Gomez**, **Melissa Rodriguez**, **Adrianna Cruz**, **Haleigh Suarez**, **Alexis Luna** and **Lauren McNinch**. Kneeling: **Zeena Darji**, **Gabriela Lopez**, **Lauren Ewing**, **Maira Medina**, **Monica Kazmierski**, **Shelby Eudakis**, **Araceli Gomez** and **Katherine Bajzatt**. Standing: **Crystal Godinez**, **Lauren Kietlyka**, **Sarah Jansky**, **Kathleen Francisci**, **Chelsae Strabavy**, **Elizabeth Rodriguez**, **Kaitlyn Muratori** and Coach **Jeanine Haas**.

JV vs.		
Wash. Twp.	L	Lake Station
E.C. Central	W	Kouts
River Forest	W	Griffith
Wheeler	L	Gary West Side
Morgan Twp.	L	Hammond
Clark	L	Hebron
LaCrosse	W	Bishop Noll
Gavit	W	Hobart
Morton	L	South Central
Hanover Central	W	Westville
Calumet	W	Gavit
River Forest Twp.	W3-L1	Clark
Gary Roosevelt	W	JV LAC Twp.
Munster	L	W1-L3
Overall Record- 16-17		
Conference Record- 4-3		

C-TEAM vs.		
Clark	L	
Gavit	L	
Clark	L	
Calumet	W	
Kouts/Boone Grove	W	
Thea Bowman	W	
EC Central	W	
Griffith	L	
Morton Twp.	W3-L1	
Lake Station	W	
Overall Record 8-5		

JV/C-Team Volleyball

OILERS VS.

Washington Township	L
Morton	L
Clark	L
Westville	L
Wheeler	L
Gavitt	L
Hammer Central	L
Guthrie	L
Lake Station	L
Kankakee Valley	L
Wheeler	L
North Newton	W
Hobart	L
Gavitt	L
Grant Park	L
Towell	L
MC Marquette	L
River Forest	L
Hobron	L
Clark	L

Overall Record 1-18



Above, The JV Boys Basketball Team. Kneeling: **Tom Flores**, **Jacob Wright**, **Karan Darji**, **Joseph Murzyn**, **Krunal Darji**. Standing: Assistant Coach **Brett Jennings**, **Aldo Lopez**, **Christopher Moynihan**, **Andrew Lowe**, **Kevin Mendez** and Coach **Harold Rodgers**.

With a losing record this past season, the JV team really stepped it up at the end and started to work as a team. Though their record may not indicate it, the team showed a lot of improvement from the beginning of the season which will undoubtedly help them next year. Having a number of freshmen on the squad who have gained experience along with hard work and dedication this summer should help the team to improve upon next season's record.



Above, Dribbling the ball upcourt while his teammates set up the next play is freshman **Tommy Flores**.



Above, Coach **Rodgers** gives his team advice on how to execute the play right to score on their opponents.



Left, Freshmen **Jacob Wright** and **Krunal Darji** attempt to tip the ball from getting inside the paint during a home game against River Forest.



Above, The JV reserves watch as their teammates score a basket.



Above, Attacking the boards to grab down a rebound in the second half of the JV game is junior **Jonathan Hayes**.



Above, The Oiler defense applies the pressure onto their opponents to stop them from scoring another basket.



Above, Sophomore **Chris Moynihan** carefully looks for an open man.

Running Out of Steam



"I really enjoyed this season because we learned to work well together as a team." sophomore **Kevin Mendez**



"The season got off to a rough start, but by the end we were a stronger team." freshman **Jacob Wright**



"This season was fun, but we have a lot to learn to be a better team next year." freshman **Karan Darji**



"This year's season didn't go so well, but we learned a lot for next year." freshman **Tom Flores**



"This year was a great experience for me. Our team was young, but we worked well together. I am looking forward to next year's season." sophomore
Araceli Gomez



"It was frustrating in the beginning seeing all the wins pass us by. But I think we all just learned to play hard and have fun." sophomore
Adrienne Cruz



"I felt our season was kind of an upset; we should have won more games than we did, but overall I had fun." sophomore
Caitlin Wrzalinski



"Even though we didn't win a lot of games, I think everyone improved throughout the season." sophomore
Emily Matulewicz

JV Girls Basketball

This year's JV girls basketball team had its ups and downs through the season. Under the leadership of **Coach Ed Salcinski**, the skills and experience that the JV team gained during the season will help them next year and at the varsity level.



Above, The JV Girls Basketball Team. Standing: Lauren McNinch, Crystal Godinez, Chelsae Strabavy, Emily Matulewicz, Adi Cruz and Coach Ed Salcinski. Kneeling: Veronica Gomez, Lauren Vega, Caitlin Wrzalinski, Araceli Gomez, Alexia Obregon and Brittany Bulatovich.



Below, Araceli Gomez shows off her ball handling skills as she drives around her man.



Above, Coach Salcinski talks to his team before they take the floor for the second half of the game.



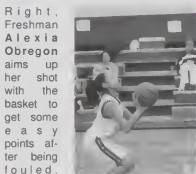
Above, Sophomore Emily Matulewicz dives to gain possession of the ball before her opponents in a home game against Lowell.



Left, Freshman Lauren McNinch looks around the defender for an open teammate



Left, Coach Salcinski goes over the game plan with Brittany Bulatovich.



Right, Freshman Alexia Obregon aims up her shot with the basket to get some easy points after being fouled.

Right, Sophomore Caitlin Wrzalinski holds the ball high above her Gavitt defender.



Right, Freshman Lauren Vega tries to get to the ball before her Morton opponent.



JV Baseball

OILERS VS.

Calumet	W
Elm Central	L
Hammond High	W
Gavit	L
Morton	L
Clark	L
Westville	W
Clark (Fresh.)	L
Gavit	L
Morton	L
Griffith	L
Clark	L
Overall Record 3-9	
Conf. Record 2-6	



Above, The JV Baseball Team. Standing: Coach Mike Nastav, Michael Unate, Ryan Willoughby, Kevin Mendez, Chuck Meyers, Andrew Lowe, Juan Torres, Phillip Schillaci, Coach Brett Jennings. Kneeling: Tommy Garcia, Joseph Murzyn, Chris Slater, Karan Darji, Tommy Flores, and Krunal Darji.



Left, Sophomore **Chuck Meyers** fires a fastball for a strike against crosstown rival Clark.



Above, In a big play, sophomore **Kevin Mendez** tags the runner out to end the inning.



Above, Freshman **Joe Murzyn** takes a big swing, resulting in a hit.

This year has been a rough one for the Oilers. They started the season off well but were beaten in several close games at the end of the season. However, the players did get a lot of experience and learned to work as a team. "The '07 JV season was an extremely successful one. Our record may not indicate it, but we improved ten-fold from the beginning of the season to the end. At the end of the year, we had several freshmen and sophomores move up to the varsity level and get major playing time. This will only make us better in the future. I believe Whiting baseball is heading in the right direction," said Coach Brett Jennings.



Above, Freshman **Karan Darji** plays cat-and-mouse with a Clark runner who gets caught between second and third after an attempt at stealing third base.

Right, Freshman **Tom Flores** quickly throws the ball in after making the catch.



Right, Freshman **Andrew Lowe** puts the tag on the first base runner taken off guard.



Heading in the Right Direction



"Baseball was a lot of fun and it was a great experience for me."
sophomore
Juan Torres



"Even with players that have never played baseball before, we're still showing great improvement."
sophomore
Michael Unate



"This baseball season was a great learning experience for me and I had a lot of fun."
freshman
Andrew Lowe



"Since this was my first year playing tennis, I was surprised at how much fun I had."
Junior
Becca Maslikowski



"This was my first year playing tennis and it turned out to be a great year."
freshman
Alexia Obregon



"Tennis was awesome, considering that it was my first year, I had a lot of fun."
Junior
Claudia Torres

J V T e n n i s

If the large turnout of players and enthusiasm is any indication of the future of Whiting's tennis program, then it's definitely a bright one. Many girls came out for the team this year, and some underclassmen were able to fill varsity slots by midseason, leaving plenty of the new players to gain experience. With good coaches and a good varsity team, the players look forward to enjoying next season even more.



Below, The JV tennis team listens while Coach Winn gets the girls ready for their meet.



Above, Freshmen Kimberly Atteberry, Katherine Staley, Sarah Wheeler and Ashley Thompson wait while the varsity team plays their matches.



Above, **Maira Medina** is swept off of her feet as she returns the ball to her opponent.



Above, Sophomore **Berenice Frausto** is focused and ready for her opponent to make the serve.



Above, After the game, **Samantha Thompson** changes the score.

Right, Doubles partners freshman **Sarah Muireiko** and sophomore **Maira Medina** watch their Wheeler opponents across the net.



Left, Junior **Rebecca Maslikowski** hits the ball back to her opponent, scoring a point to help the Lady Oilers win their tennis meet against Wheeler.



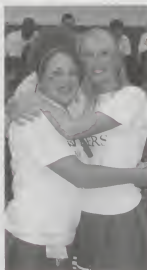
Left, Freshman **Alexia Obregon** forcefully slams the ball across the net scoring a point on her opponent.

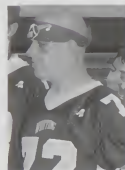
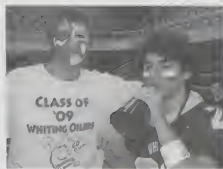


Left, Junior **Samantha Thompson** quickly backs away from the ball to indicate it is out of bounds so that she gets the point.

Full Steam Ahead

ACTIVITIES





F A S T T R A C K T O F U N

Homecoming

Right, Sophomore **Melissa Garza** is concentrated on making signs and other neat art-work for her class hall-way as well as her class float during spirit week.



Above, junior **Jamie Jordan** is found with mixed and matched clothes and a smile on her face on Clash Day.



Above, Spending a Midnight as royalty are seniors **Juan Jimenez** and **Julianna Cruz** who were voted as the 2006 Homecoming King and Queen.



Above, Enjoying their night of dancing and each other's company on the dance floor are senior **Gerica Arroyo** and her date.



Left, **Michael Halajcsik** celebrates a touchdown during the homecoming game against the Clavt Gladiators in yet another Oil-er victory.



Above, The 2006 Homecoming Court. Standing: **Nathan Sabol**, **Claudia Torres**, **Anthony Clemente**, **Gerica Arroyo**, **Scott Dreniak**, **Stephanie Perz**, **Caitlin Wrzalinski**, **Andrew Lowe**, and **Kathleen Franciski**. Seated: Queen **Julianna Cruz** and King **Juan Jimenez**.



Left, Freshman **Sarah Watkins** carefully tosses a bean bag in an attempt to score a three-pointer during the bean bag toss at the pep assembly.



Above, The Whiting High School Pep Band makes their way down the stairwell as the rest of the student body follows in intense excitement and enthusiasm for the start of the pep rally.



Above, Enjoying themselves at the bonfire after an evening of festivities are sophomores **Julia Kempke**, **Tangie Daniels**, **Christabel Gutierrez** and **Araceli Gomez**.



"Homecoming was full of spirit all week long and the parade and bonfire were awesome." senior
Destiny Macon



"The best part of homecoming was getting to sit in a car and throw candy." senior
Anthony Clemente



"Clash Day was great because everyone got to dress weird and have fun without being made fun of." junior
Jessica Kempke



"The pep rally was off the chain and the games were fun." junior
Steven Coleman

Three years' overall homecoming theme was *Out of Sync*. Spirit Week 2006 was eagerly kicked off with Pajama Day, followed by Clash Day, Generation Day, Twinkie Day, and the traditional Green and White Day. The week went by smoothly with tons of participation in hallway and float decorating, as well as a great showing at the bonfire. Competition over the Spirit Stick was tougher than ever before, but in the end the senior class prevailed. The week ended with a victory over the Gavit Gladiators and the homecoming dance. The theme for the dance was *Midnight in the Garden*. This year's King and Queen were **Juan Jimenez** and **Julianna Cruz**. "Homecoming was great. I had a blast and was extremely surprised when I won Homecoming King," stated Jimenez. Cruz added, "When they said my name I wanted to cry because I was so happy. It was a night I will never forget."



Above, The football players are ready to give it all they have while they get set in their positions at the start of the homecoming game.



Below, Juniors Elise Elza, Tiffany Bayless and Erica Arroyo are found dancing the night away at the homecoming dance.



Left, Dressed as a hot sauce bottle and representing the Spanish Club during the parade is sophomore **Haleigh Suarez**.

Left, Members of the junior class strut their stuff and gather together to show that their class has lots of school spirit. The juniors had a great amount of participation, which contributed to a successful spirit week.



Below, Kimberly Atteberry and Matthew Keown are hard at work decorating the freshman hallway for their very first spirit week.

Left, Dressed as the pep assembly, **Richard Cabral** pretends to be senior cheerleader **Elizabeth Saha-gun** for the 2006 senior skit, which was written by the senior girls.



Left, Sophomores **Emily Matulewicz** and **Emily Henry** demonstrate their school spirit by designing Twinkie Day T-shirts and wearing them for all to see.

Midnight in the Garden



"The dance was the most phenomenal part of homecoming week," sophomore

Stacy Kompler



"Homecoming was truly a week to remember because I had more fun this year than I did last year," sophomore

Victor Garcia



"The homecoming dance was fun. The decorations were great and I had a good time," sophomore

Elisabeth Rodriguez



"Even though I didn't go to the dance, I thought homecoming week was pretty sweet," freshman

Ryan Augustyn





Sectional Turnabout



Above, The 2007 Sectional Turnabout Court. Scott Drewniak, Allison Miller, Ryan Augustyn, Heather Stupeck, King Milan Milutinovic, Queen Liz Sahagun, Anna Cervantes, Eduardo Galaviz, Ashley Kieltyka, Noah Watkins, Cristina Magallanes and Juan Jimenez.



Above, Freshman attendants Heather Stupeck and Ryan Augustyn make their way through the gym as the court is announced.



Above, Sophomore Brian Rancich and senior Branden Acheson know how to get the party started, Mardi Gras style.



Above, The sophomore class work together to decorate the gym for the dance. The class was broken down by committees which helped to ensure that everyone did his/her part.



Above, These lovely sophomores, Emily Matulewicz and Haleigh Suarez, have their picture taken during a break from dancing.



Above, Sophomores Liz Rodriguez and Courtney Moen make the most of their opportunity to dress in formal attire.



Above, The man behind the mask is senior Juan Jimenez.



Above, Senior girls Anais Diaz, Nicole Garica, Juli Cruz and Kayla Perez look gorgeous at the dance.

 <p>"Sectional was fun this year. I think the sophomores did a great job." Junior Samantha Plavec</p>	 <p>"The dance was great! I had a lot of fun dancing with my friends. Everyone looked gorgeous." sophomore Tanya Daniels</p>	 <p>"I had a lot of fun dancing at sectionals. The DJ was great and everyone looked amazing." Junior Becca Mastlowski</p>	 <p>"The dance was pretty fun, but winning being just made it that much better." senior Milan Milutinovic</p>
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Despite the rain, sleet, snow, and frigid temperatures, this year's sectional turnabout was a huge success. Held on February 24, from 7-9 p.m. in the middle school gymnasium, the Mardi Gras themed dance was put together by the sophomore class and its sponsors, Mrs. Polizotto and Mr. Moynihan. "A Night in New Orleans" featured brightly colored decorations and favors to spice up the night. "We had an awesome turnout," said Mrs. Polizotto. "I love to see everyone looking gorgeous. I think the music was well-received because the dance floor was packed!" Polizotto continued. The highlight of the the dance was, of course, when the king and queen were announced and Milan Milutinovic and Liz Sahagun were crowned royalty. Overall everyone had a great time at the dance. The DJ was great and everyone looked fantastic.



Above, Sophomores Emily Gazda, Caitlin Wrzalinski, Tangie Daniels, freshman Alexia Obergon and junior Natalie Mendez look like they're having tons of fun!



Above, Couples decide to slow things down and share a special time together during the last song of the night.



Above, Sophomore Christabel Gutierrez finds a creative way to ask Adam Flores to the turnabout.



Above, Seniors Abby Gazda and Branden Acheson enjoy each other's company by sharing a dance.



Above, Senior Rachel Maslikowski and freshman Rachel Sherer enjoy themselves, along with the others who attended Mardi Gras.



Above, Freshman Erica Simunic and junior Tiffany Bayless look forward to the evening.



Above, Junior attendants Ashley Kieltyka and Noah Watkins get the red carpet treatment at the dance.



Above, A surprised Joey Franko, junior, comes back from lunch to a decorated locker asking him to the sectional turnabout dance

A Night in New Orleans

"This last dance was awesome."

senior
Scott Drenwale

"It was the best dance ever, especially my date."

senior
Juan Jimenez

"Sectionals was a lot of fun to decorate. I had a blast with my friends. I hope everyone had a good time."

sophomore
Emily Gazda

"I thought sectionals this year was fun. They played good music and I had a lot of fun dancing with all of my friends."

junior
Candice Torres

Cinco de Mayo

This year at Whiting High School the Spanish Club sponsored its highly-anticipated Cinco de Mayo celebration. This day is not only a day for celebration, but also a day to remember the battle between the French and the Mexicans. The morning of May 5, 1862 the Mexican army defeated the French soldiers at Pueblo, Mexico. This celebration is held every other year at Whiting High. Though there were a couple of obstacles during the planning stages of the event, the Spanish Club officers stepped up to help make things happen. Sophomores Katie Bajzatt and Haleigh Suarez worked very hard to schedule the mariachi band and the wonderful food from Los Compadres. The Cinco de Mayo celebration is always a big hit at Whiting High because not only does everyone in Spanish Club get out of class, they get to share in the experience of the Mexican culture while having a great time.



Above, Senior Joe Brown has to eat a jalapeno pepper, drink half a bottle of pop, eat half a bag of hot chips, and chew three gumballs to make a bubble to help the senior class win the relay race against the juniors who had the second best time.



Left, After winning their crowns, Cinco de Mayo Queen, sophomore Anna Cervantes, and Cinco de Mayo King, junior Noah Watkins, pose together for a picture.



Left, Sophomore Adriana Cruz and junior Michael Rokicki compete against each other in the final round of musical chairs at the close of the celebration.

Below, Sophomore Sandra Silva was spotted in the crowd singing, so the mariachi gives her a chance to sing and dance in front of everyone at the Cinco de Mayo celebration in the middle school gym.



Left, Spanish teacher Mrs. Klocan assists junior Victoria Franco in putting together a picture puzzle to help the junior class finish the relay race.



Above, Sophomores Berenice Frausto, Jessica Flores, Anna Cervantes and Melanie Colon all enjoy the delicious food from our local Los Compadres Restaurant while listening to the mariachi.

Viva Mexico!

"It was a big relief after the Cinco de Mayo fiesta was over. Haleigh and I put a lot of time and effort into the planning, but in the end, we got great feedback and it all paid off!"

Sophomore
Katie Bajzatt
President



"Cinco de Mayo was great! At first it was really stressful, but in the end, it all went together really nicely. I was very happy to see how many people came and that most everyone enjoyed themselves. I hope it will be even better next time!"

Sophomore
Haleigh Suarez
Vice-President



"Cinco de Mayo was so awesome. The food was just amazing, and the mariachi was really fun. I had every moment. I had the perfect people at my table. We had fun with the party in our lovely school."

Junior
Erica Arevalo
Secretary



"Cinco de Mayo turned out pretty good. The food and music was good, and the games were fun, but the best part for me was when I was voted king of Cinco de Mayo."

Junior
Noah Watkins
Treasurer

This year has been a busy one for the Science Olympiad team. The team had many competitions and Whiting High School hosted its own invitational in December and won third place overall. In January, they traveled to the competition at Northridge High School, then went on to Morton High School to win first place in the Hammond Invitational. After the Hammond Invitational, the team had three weeks to prepare for regionals. At regionals, the top two teams advance to state, with one other team that does not qualify from their regional also advancing. The Science Olympiad team won third place. While in limbo over the fate of going to state, they participated in an invitational at Mount Prospect High School, competing against national qualifying teams. The team received word that they were advancing to state about a week after that. After a month of preparations, they went to state, held at Purdue University Calumet, and they won twelfth place out of 23 teams.

Science Olympiad



Above, Proudly displaying their medals, freshmen Kim Atteberry and Ashley Thompson won first place in their trial event of Mystery Engineering at the state Science Olympiad competition held at Purdue University Calumet.



Above, Principal Flick welcomes all of the visiting schools before the start of the invitational.



Above, Front Row: Katie Bajzatt, Erica Arroyo, Gerica Arroyo, Haydee Lara, Anthony Clemente. Second Row: Jimmy Augustyn, Jon Lovasko, Tim Wajyoda, Rachel Maslikowski, Charlie Osorio. Third Row: Stephanie Perz, Eileen Mills-Groninger, Emily Duha, Ashley Thompson, Erica Simunic, Danny Atteberry. Top Row: Mr. Nichols, Ryan Willoughby, Josh Thompson, Lexi Jakubowski, Anthony Adair, Kim Atteberry, Mr. Long. Not pictured: Phillip Schillaci.



Left, Before the official start of the competition, sophomore Katie Bajzatt and junior Haydee Lara get in some last minute studying before a long day of hard tests and supporting their teammates.



Above, Senior Eileen Mills-Groninger and sophomore Phil Schillaci measure the temperature of two beakers of water on a hot plate in the Experimental Design event.



Above, Senior Anthony Clemente and sophomore Danny Atteberry work together on the Astronomy test at the first-ever Whiting Invitational held in December.



Left, In the second part of her event, senior Gerica Arroyo carefully reads the directions on assembling a figure written by her partner during the first part of the event, Write It Do It.



Left, Junior Erica Arroyo makes adjustments to her plane for Wright Stuff in between events while other members of the team relax and prepare for their next events.

On the Fast Track to State



"This year's Science Olympiad was the best ever, and we'll do better next year."

Junior
Charlie Osorio



"Science Olympiad was so much fun this year! Mr. Nichols and Mr. Long did an awesome job as coaches."

Junior
Haydee Lara



"Science Olympiad was awesome! The highlight of it all was winning 2nd place at state!"

freshman
Erica Simunic

Senior Directed One-Acts

This year, the drama club has taken on two new projects, senior directed one-acts and the madrigal. In the fall, all veteran seniors were given the opportunity to direct a short play of their own. The seniors who chose to take on this challenge were Gerica Arroyo, Jimmy Augustyn, Abigail Gazda, Rachel Maslikowski, and Stephanie Perz. Arroyo directed a play titled "Feudin," Augustyn directed "He's Having a Baby," Gazda directed "Readin', Writin', and 'Rithmetic," Maslikowski directed "Life in the Boonies," and Perz directed "The White Phantom." The shows began rehearsals in September and were performed in November. The show was a huge success and it is planned to be a production every year.



Left, An expectant father (junior Charlie Osorio) is being escorted by a nurse to labor and delivery before giving birth to a healthy, bouncing baby in "He's Having a Baby."



Left, In "Readin', Writin', and 'Rithmetic," Ron Raines (junior Haydee Lara) comes to his teacher's office after yet another bad report before learning that his wife is having a baby in "He's Having a Baby."

Below, Miss Brenda Boyd (junior Victoria Franco) and Principal Melrose (senior Eileen Mills-Groninger) reprimand Norine Laverne (junior Rebecca Maslikowski) when Cora Clay reveals that Norine copied her essay for off of Sandy Stone.



Below, Senior Jason Zander, sophomores Haleigh Suarez and Katie Bajrakt, and eighth-grader Fernando Sahagun talk about what it's like to live without big city amenities in the "Boonies."



Below, Matt Bascom (freshman Ryan Augustyn) talks to June Talbot (Christabel Gutierrez), the girl he's determined to win over and marry...if he manages to end the feud between the Talbots and the Bascoms.







Above, Senior directors and cast acknowledge the crew during their curtain call following dress rehearsal.

Below, Mrs. Groton (sophomore Sandra Silva), Mrs. North (Victoria Franco), and the nurse (junior Elise Elza) try to help Mrs. Foster (sophomore Tangie Daniels) recover when she hears her husband has given birth to a baby girl.



Above, Officer Jerry Nolan (freshman Patrick Percianoff), Curt Frazier (junior Nathan Sabol), and Ethan Sharp (Charlie Osorio) discuss the weird happenings at Mrs. Blake's house attributed to the White Phantom.

 <p>"Directing the senior one-acts was an amazing experience. My cast was great and we had a lot of fun." senior Gerica Arroyo</p>	 <p>"The one-acts were a lot of fun. It was cool to direct instead of act and see the other side of plays." senior Jimmy Augustyn</p>	 <p>"One-acts were a great experience that taught us responsibility and leadership." senior Rachel Maslikowski</p>	 <p>"I had a blast. Being a director was a lot of fun. I learned a lot being on the other side of a production." senior Abigail Gazda</p>
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Besides putting on the senior directed one-acts, the Fine Arts department decided to put on yet another new type of production, a Medieval madrigal, which was held right before Christmas. The students dressed up in Middle Age finery and spoke with English accents during the night. The audience was treated to a dinner and a show, which included a story told by the court jester. Audience members were announced by the town crier as they entered the beautifully decorated cafeteria which transported them to another place and time. Guests were then seated and served by the peasants and were entertained by humorous skits and music performed by the band and Christmas carols by the choir. The dinner and show were a great success.

Madrigal



Above, The King, freshman Patrick Percianoff and the Queen, senior Kelly Jansky, along with the rest of the Royal Court, greatly enjoy listening to the story told by the jester (senior Gerica Arroyo).



Above, Lord Nathan Sabol, junior, and Lady Rachel Maslikowski, senior, make a regal entrance.



Above, The "Silent Knight," sophomore Maegen Stribjak, enters the story being told by the court jester and asks everyone to be quiet during the performance.



Above, Gerica Arroyo and junior Natalie Mendez do a "Punch and Judy" skit and do knock-knock jokes, literally on Arroyo's head.



Above, The Queen, (Kelly Jansky) sings a beautiful rendition of "O Holy Night."



Above, Sophomores Araceli Gomez, Katie Bajzatt, Olivia Jakovich, and Christabel Gutierrez beg for donations in between stories during the night.



Left, Keeping the audience guessing, the jester (Gerica Arroyo) tells the story of her travels in search of the mystical question to the answer "igloo."



Left, The King (Patrick Percianoff) makes the traditional Wassail toast welcoming his guests at the start of the banquet.



"The madrigal was a lot of fun. I had fun singing and I hope more people will go to it next year."
freshman

Patrick Percianoff



"The madrigal was awesome! It really felt like I was in the Middle Ages."
freshman

Matt Keown



"The madrigal was really fun and the decorations looked awesome."
junior

Erica Arroyo



"The madrigal was nice and the costumes looked really good, and so did the cafeteria."
sophomore

Julia Kemphe

Spring Production



Above, Reverend Moore (Patrick Percianoff) advises his congregation about the evils of society and its effects on the young people.

Right, Ariel Moore (Gerica Arroyo) sings about her longing for a hero who can sweep her off her feet and save her from the restrictions of Bomont.



Above, The cast of the 2007 musical "Footloose" poses after the finale. "The show was a great success and all who were involved put in a lot of time and effort to pull it off. Thanks guys!" said junior Erica Arroyo.



Above, Ren (Adam Flores) and Ariel (Gerica Arroyo) share a beautiful moment in each other's arms while singing "Almost Paradise" and thinking about the world they dream of living.



Left, With a lead in her musical debut is sophomore Emily Duha. Duha played Mrs. Moore, mother of Ariel and wife of the Reverend.



Above, Singing "Somebody's Eyes" are senior Abigail Gazda, junior Erica Arroyo, and senior Rachel Maslikowski. All three girls have performed in numerous school productions, including last year's "Grease."



Left, Rusty (Rachel Maslikowski) commends Wiltard (Joe Brown) on his ability to complete a full sentence without the help of a classmate.



Above, Director Ms. Mazeika gives her final notes and critiques to the cast before opening night. The show sold over 600 tickets over the four days' run.



Above, Ren (Flores) tries to prove to the council that "Dancing Is Not a Crime," and although Ren makes up a cool rap to back up this fact, the council is still not convinced.



"The show took a lot of hard work and time, but we pulled it off and it was great."
senior
Rachel Maslikowski



"Footloose" was great! I met a ton of new friends and I thought the cast did a good job.
junior
Charlie Oserio



"Although we had to spend a lot of time off school, I had a great time in the show. Good job everyone!"
junior
Elise Elza



"I thought the show was the best ever! It was exciting to have a lead in my very first musical."
junior
Adam Flores

Tonight I gotta cut loose, Footloose!" This year's spring production was one of many musical acts that were presented during the school year. However, no one was prepared for the hard work that needed to be done in order to pull off the hit show. The rehearsals for "Footloose" were cut two weeks shorter than planned, so the actors had to kick it into gear. "We were constantly moving and learning new dances and songs. However, I was very happy with the outcome and I will miss all of my fellow drama club members," stated senior Gerica Arroyo. "It is always great to see such a diverse group of students come together for such a great show," said play director Ms. Mazeika. The show had tons of new surprises this year including a live band directed by Mr. Pecher.



Left, Sophomore Alex Luna sings about the problems her son unknowingly causes within the town and their family and how she can't say anything to defend him.



Left, Chuck Kranston, played by senior Jimmy Augustyn, is telling his buddies about his relationship with his girlfriend, Ariel in "The Girl Gets Around."

Below, Ren McCormick (Flores) receives a ticket for playing his music too loudly while driving. The police officer, played by junior Matthew Augustyn, did not take a liking to "the new kid."

Below, Willard Hewitt threatens to beat up Ren after he bumps into him in the hall. Instead of fighting, Ren and Willard befriend each other and Ren informs Willard of his life in Chicago.



Above, The main cast sings and dances to the opening number, "Footloose." The choreography was once again taught by Emma Helminski and the music was directed by Mr. Pecher.



Left, Betty Blast (Christabel Gutierrez) teaches Chuck Kranston that pushing others around is not a way to solve his "emotional disabilities."



Below, Rusty (Maslikowski) chats with her best friend Ariel (Arroyo) and complains about her failure to hold a conversation with her crush Willard.



Left, The city council (Percianoff, Charlie Osorio, Elise Elza, Kelly Jansky, and Victoria Franco) debates over whether or not they should abolish the city ordinance that outlaw dancing in public.



Footloose



"Footloose" was a good experience for me. It was a lot of hard work, but I learned some fun moves!
Junior
Haydee Lara

"Footloose" was so cool! Although it was my first play, I enjoyed it and I was glad I got to meet Charlie."
sophomore
Taylor Peckrebe

"Seeing as 'Footloose' was my first play, I was happy with the outcome. I had fun singing my part."
sophomore
Emily Duke

"This was the most unique and best experience of my life. I can't wait till next year."
freshman
Anthony Schatz

Prom

Dress \$200, Tux \$80, Prom bid \$70: A night that no one will forget? PRICELESS. Sponsored by the Class of 2008, prom was held on May 11, 2007, at The Patrician Banquet Center in Schererville from 6-10:30 p.m. This magical night began at the school's auditorium for pre-prom at 5 p.m. As the couple's names were announced by Mrs. Wilson, junior class sponsor, they elegantly strode across the stage, down the stairs, and out to the hallway, where family and friends of the prom-goers proceeded to take photos of the beautiful couples. Once everyone had finally arrived at The Patrician, they all sat down to begin their dinner, while DJ Don Kaminsky played some light music for entertainment. The delicious meal began with soup and salad, and was followed by mostaccioli, beef, green beans, and mashed potatoes. Following dinner, everyone also received chocolate ice cream for dessert. Once everyone was finished eating, the music got turned up a notch, and everyone abandoned their seats to dance. Well into the evening, it was finally time to announce the Prom Royalty 2007: Prince Nathan Sabol, Princess Erica Arroyo, King Milan Milutinovic, and last, but definitely not least, Queen Brittney Mansfield. "It was exciting winning Prom Queen. I was so happy that I won, especially winning with my friends (Milan, Erica, and Nathan)," said Mansfield. "I want to thank the Class of 2008 for giving the seniors an unforgettable Senior Prom. I also want to thank all of my friends and the people who voted for me," she added. Winning Prom King was also meaningful for Milutinovic. "Even though I won by default, it still felt pretty awesome to win. I want to thank all of the voters," said Milutinovic.

Right, Senior Class President Gerica Arroyo and her date share their last high school dance together.



Right, Junior Class Secretary Victoria Franco and junior Jeremy Dumezich take a break from dancing.



Right, Seniors Christopher Smith and Samantha Espinosa stop for a picture after pre-prom.



Above, Milan Milutinovic and Brittney Mansfield and Erica Arroyo and Nathan Sabol were selected Prom Royalty 2007.

Right, Michael Halajaski escorts Melissa Salazky across the stage at pre-prom which was held in the Whiting High School Auditorium this year.



Right, Junior Adam Flores and his girlfriend Christabel Gutierrez make a very attractive couple and seem to be having a wonderful time.



"Prom was awesome this year and winning queen topped the night off."
senior
Brittney Mansfield



"I danced the entire time. I loved the music, the atmosphere, and my date."
sophomore
Christabel Gutierrez



"Prom was amazing! The decorations were awesome. I had a great time."
senior
Kathleen DeLaney



"Having a perfect dress, date, friends, and night made me feel like a 'princess'."
Junior
Erica Arroyo



Above, Dancing the night away with his date, sophomore **Haleigh Suarez**, is junior **Joe Franko**.



Above, Junior **Jamie Jordan** and sophomore **Sandra Silva** look lovely.



Above, Students rush the dance floor for a group dance to the "Cha-Cha Slide."



Above, Senior **Liz Sahagun** gets in her limo to head to prom.



Above, This beautiful group of girls awaits their turn to go on stage to show off their dresses and their dates at pre-prom.



Above, **Milan Milutinovic** and **Brittney Mansfield** enjoy a dance after being named prom king and queen.



Above, Ready for some serious dancing is junior **John Demkovich**.



Above, **Adam Flores** won the iPod Nano door prize given away by the junior class.



Below, Seniors **Melissa Slazvyk** and **Kimberly Holtrop** wait for their dates as they get ready to leave for The Patrician.

Here's To The Night



"Prom was beautiful and it was fun to see **Tim (Wajuda)** dance to the techno music." senior **Rachel Marshall**



"Prom was fun, and winning king was even cooler because I was prince last year." senior **Milan Milutinovic**



"The favors were awesome and the senior dance was unforgettable." senior **Garcia Arroyo**



"The juniors did a great job, and it was definitely a night to remember." sophomore **Emily Gazde**

Graduation



Above. Delivering the Principal's Message at the beginning of the ceremony is Steven Combs and six of his senior classmates.

Right. Sharing a moment together in the Nathan Hale Cafeteria before they line up before the ceremony are Melissa Slazyk and Michael Halajesik.



Above. Mr. Flick and Anthony Adair share a laugh while classmates congratulate each other and say goodbye after Dr. Martinez officially graduates the Class of 2007.



Left. As Christopher Smith waits to receive his diploma, he reflects on his four years at Whiting High School and all he has accomplished.

Above. The Class of 2007 listens carefully to the words of wisdom delivered by Mr. Joe Curosh, Whiting High School alumnus and Buckley Wall of Fame recipient.



Above. Anthony Clemente and Julianna Cruz proudly leave the gymnasium at the close of the pristine ceremony.



Above. Playing with the band one last time after four years is Jason Zander.



Above. Valedictorian Eileen Mills-Groninger delivers her moving speech in which she acknowledged her parents as well as the parents of her fellow classmates.



Above. Bringing tears to the eyes of many, senior Kelly Jansky and Eileen Mills-Groninger sing the touching song "For Good" dedicated to their friends, family, and Whiting High School community.

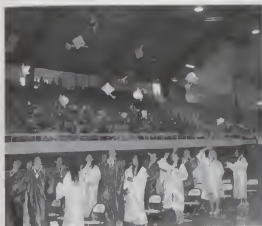
As the seniors look back on the four years they spent together as a class at Whiting High School, they reflect on all of the friendships they made, fun they had, and all of the hard work they accomplished. Attending a small school like Whiting gives students a family-like atmosphere where students truly get to know each other as well as their teachers, coaches, and administrators—something that most students miss after graduation. Now as the graduates move on to the workforce, head off to college, trade school, or the military, the Class of 2007 will start a new chapter in their lives. As the class motto says, "With every ending there is a new beginning," and the graduates are now ready to embark upon a new chapter in their lives filled with new opportunities and new memories.



Above, Giving the Commencement Address to the Class of 2007 is Mr. Joseph Curosh.



Above, Kathleen DeLaney stands in the Nathan Hale Cafeteria waiting to walk over to the Memorial Gym for graduation.



Above, After receiving their diplomas, the Class of 2007 happily toss their caps in the air, a tradition and highlight of the graduation ceremony.



Above, Friends Steven Janas, David Fishel and Matteau Isbill share memories.



Above, Chosen by the Class of 2007 to announce the graduating class of 2007 is Mr. Vrabl, who retired at the end of the school year.



Above, Salutatorian Gerica Arroyo delivers her inspiring speech to the Class of 2007, administration, faculty, family and friends.



Above, A group of seniors waits patiently before receiving their Whiting High School medals from Mr. Flick shortly before the ceremony.



Above, Just as he does when students arrive as freshmen, Mr. Flick talks about choice one last time to the graduates before they head out into the real world.



Above, Mr. Shawn Turpin, school board vice-president, hands Michael Halajesik his diploma as they pose for a picture.

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Making a difference



Above, Seniors Samantha Espinoza and Chris Smith attend Safe Prom sponsored by Judge Likens and the Whiting City Court.

Below, There is an "T" team...Sophomore Christabel Gutierrez was a one-woman track team and won numerous races in her event, the 1600 meter.



Above, Heading to Navy Pier are the Whiting High School top thirty readers who earned the opportunity to go.



Above, Having a great time at the Senior Banquet with their friends and classmates are seniors Daniel Castelan and Olivia Gomez.



Left, Seniors Richard Cabral and Damian Serrano helped out Mr. Adkins with the food drive for the Whiting Food Pantry that was sponsored by the Student Council.

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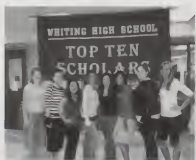
"My favorite memory was when, **Jill, Brandon, Mike, Kayla, Cristina, Maria** and I went on a road trip to Baker College."
senior **Maria Szala**



"I would have to say my favorite memory was when my partner and I won the bag's tournament."
junior **Noah Wetliis**



"My favorite memory would have to be when the tennis team won sectionals for the first time ever!"
sophomore **Courtney Winkelman**



Left, Enjoying the first annual Top 10 Banquet held at Whiting High School are the senior top 10 girls who attended the event.



Also, Sharing a night to remember at the Partisan Banquet Center are German students with teacher, Mrs. Polizotto.



Left, The seniors get ready to go to Disney World Grad Nite in one of their last experiences together as a group.



Left, Catcher, Adi Cruz, and pitcher, Mel Dumezich, celebrate the team's sectional championship. Dumezich struck out an amazing 21 batters in the 40 shutout.

Looking back as another year comes to an end, we have many memories of all we have shared over this past year. The close of the 2006-2007 school year brought many happy memories, but like every school year, brought bittersweet memories as well. In sports, the softball team and, for the first time in WHS history, the tennis team were crowned sectional champions. In addition, despite lack of an actual team, sophomore Christabel Gutierrez participated in track and excelled. In April, German students led by German teacher Mrs. Polizotto and chaperone, math teacher Mrs. Herochik, had the opportunity to experience Europe first-hand in a once-in-a-lifetime trip abroad. Members of the senior class also traveled to Disney's annual Grad Nite, where the group had fun one last time before graduating. This school year also marked the end of Mr. Vrabel's 33-year teaching career in the Whiting School System. He will be missed. Now that the year has drawn to a close, we are headed to our next destination—one full of new hopes, new dreams and new memories to experience.



Above, Junior Elise Elza holds the basket for school board member Lindy Fisher to pull out the winner for the iPod at prom.

Below, Sophomores Evelyn Garcia and Courtney Moen have a wonderful time at the sectionals dance that their class held in February.



Above, Senior Gerica Arroyo plays with the band one last time at graduation.

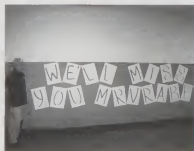
Below, After a fierce tugs competition, seniors Steven Coleman and Noah Watkins emerged victorious in their championship match against Mr. Vrabel and Mr. Flick.



Left, Having a great time playing a part in the spring production of "Footloose" is senior Joe Brown.



Above, Holding the first-ever sectional championship trophy is the 2007 Lady Oiler tennis team.



Left, After decades of service, social studies teacher, Mr. Ron Vrabel retired at the end of the school year.



"My favorite memory of the school year was hanging out with my friends and the memories from speech class with **Mr. Hyatt**." sophomore **Melanie Colon**



"I would have to say that the tennis team winning sectionals for the very first time is my favorite memory. It was exciting even though I didn't get my chance to play." freshman **Melissa Rodriguez**



"My favorite memory would be just making new friends and getting to know them better." freshman **Crystal Godines**

FINAL DESTINATION

GERMAN STUDENTS, LED BY MRS. POLIZOTTO, SHARE THE SIGHTS ON THEIR TRIP TO EUROPE HELD OVER SPRING BREAK.



Above, Junior Ashley Kietzky crowns senior Brittney Mansfield queen at prom which was held at The Patrician in Schererville.



Above, Augustyn brothers, Jimmy, Matt, and Ryan enjoy the Fine Arts Banquet.



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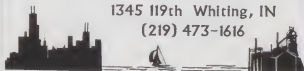
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As another year comes to an end, we have yet another year of memories that will last a lifetime. Class of 2007, we did it! Over these last four years, we have made friends, memories and a difference in each other's lives. Now take what you have learned and apply it to the new chapter that you are about to begin. We want say good luck and we want to wish you every possible success. As seniors, we would like to send the underclassmen a little bit of advice: Class of 2008, you now are the leaders of the school. Cherish this last year—do everything you can. Make good choices this year, since these are choices that will determine your future. But most of all, have fun and enjoy each other because it's your last year together. Now to the Class of 2009: You are officially upperclassmen. Don't take advantage of your position, and don't stress about prom. Keep up the good work and help out Mr. Moynihan. Class of 2010: You survived your first year of high school...see, it wasn't that bad. These next few years you will have to cherish, but a few words of wisdom: get involved, be a leader, and, most of all, be your own person.

Next, we would like to thank you, the readers, because without your support, this yearbook would not be possible. We hope that you enjoy it for many years to come.

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In closing, we hope that you enjoy the 2006-2007 Reflector and that it will help you recall many of the great memories of this high school year. Remember, though high school goes by so fast, one thing stays forever: the memories.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has grown from 12% of the economy to 18% of the economy.

There is a growing emphasis on the need to improve the efficiency of the public sector. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the introduction of competition, the restructuring of public services, and the introduction of new management practices. The aim of these initiatives is to reduce the cost of public services and to improve the quality of the services provided.

One of the main challenges facing the public sector is the need to reduce the cost of services. This is a difficult task, as the public sector is often a monopoly. However, there are a number of ways in which the cost of public services can be reduced. These include the introduction of competition, the restructuring of public services, and the introduction of new management practices.

The introduction of competition is one of the most common ways in which the cost of public services can be reduced. This involves breaking up public monopolies and allowing private companies to compete for the business. This can lead to a reduction in the cost of services, as private companies are often more efficient than public companies.

The restructuring of public services is another way in which the cost of public services can be reduced. This involves reorganizing public services so that they are more efficient. This can be done by merging public services, by transferring public services to private companies, or by introducing new management practices.

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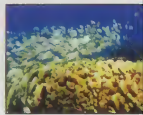
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The public sector is a vital part of the economy. It provides a number of essential services, including health care, education, and social security. The public sector is also a major employer. It is important that the public sector is able to provide these services in an efficient and cost-effective manner.



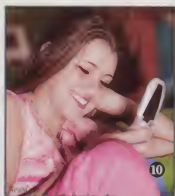


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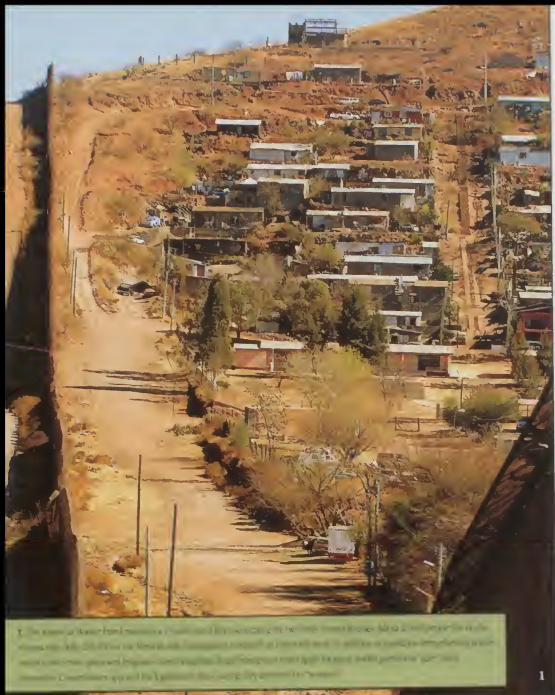


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2. Congressman Bob Ney (R-OH) pleaded guilty to federal criminal corruption charges and announced he would not seek re-election.



7. January's was warmer than usual in most parts of the country. Punxsutawney Phil emerged on early spring on Groundhog Day, but bitter cold days of ice and as much as 14 feet of snow in parts of upstate New York typified February.



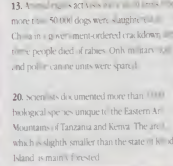
17. President Bush signed legislation in October authorizing tough interrogation of terror suspects and trials before military commissions. While Bush claimed that he knew the bill would save lives, the ACLU called it "one of the worst civil liberties measures ever enacted."



18. A 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Indonesia in May 27, 2006, killing more than 5,400 and injuring 30,299. Thousands of aftershocks followed and hundreds of thousands were left homeless in central Java.



19. November releases of Playstation 3 and Wii were immediate sell-outs. Sony's \$499.00 Playstation 3 cost \$100, but Nintendo priced the Wii at \$250 including one game and expected to sell 4 million units by year's end.



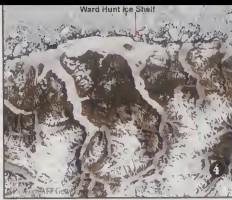
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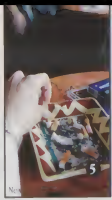
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3. For the young girl in St. Louis, the rain falls on the only senior of 100 from June 10 rain storms knocked out electricity.



4. Cutting climate change as a cause, scientists studied a grant to a shell—the size of Manhattan—while in the way from an island south of the North Pole and was afloat as an independent island.



5. Findings from the surgeon general declared secondhand smoke a level hazard.



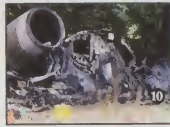
6. Fighting in Lebanon resumed after the U.N. Security Council passed Resolution 1701, but Hezbollah leaders insisted they would not drop their weapons.



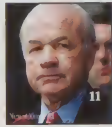
8. Billionaire Warren Buffett announced that he would be donating the bulk of his wealth to charity, mainly the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



9. Health issues clouded Cuban leader Fidel Castro, 80, as he relinquished power to his son, Raul, in July. Officials would not disclose his condition.



10. In August, a jetting, Kenya, crashed, killed 49 of 50 people aboard the flight bound for Atlanta when the plane was assigned to a runway too short for safe take-off. New policies for air traffic control resulted.



11. British leader Gordon Brown, who served in 2005, and former U.K. Jeffrey Skilling were found guilty of fraud and conspiracy in Houston in July.



12. A 10-foot shark was captured on videotape south of Tokyo. These sharks are rarely seen because they live in water between 1,968 and 3,280 feet deep—which is deeper than humans can go. The shark died shortly after its appearance.



14. Warren Steve Jeffs, a polygamist sect leader on the FBI's Most Wanted list, was arrested near Las Vegas in August. He was wanted for arranging marriages between underage girls and older men.



15. Ten Indian children (10) pencils were discovered at several of the seven sites where bombs exploded on commuter trains in India's financial capital, killing 185.

16. Gas prices repeatedly hit record highs in July and August, averaging more than \$3 for a gallon of self-serve regular when a technical fault and pipeline corrosion in BP's Prudhoe Bay oilfield in Alaska cut production.



21. Polar bears are considered a "threatened" species as scientists predict that global warming may eliminate their habitat entirely by 2040. The report said there is little doubt that global warming has been caused by human activities.



22. A woman who disappeared in the jungles of Cambodia as a child was found 19 years later. The 27-year-old, who does not speak, was identified by a scar in her arm. She disappeared in 1988 while herding buffalo.





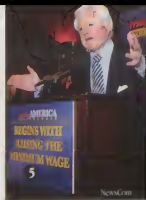
2. Photo: Karlene Hillman, 36, from the United States of the Philippines. On the day she was charged with murder in the Philippines.



3. Ben (left) and Simon (right) kidnapped in the St. Ignace apartment of a family who allegedly abducts children. Ben was held for four days, Simon had been captive nearly four years.



4. Marines guard the U.S. Embassy in Damascus, Syria, after a September attack on armed Islamic militants.



5. Ted Kennedy: P.L.A. proposal a bill to raise minimum wage to \$7.25 per hour and from years.



6. A distant, glowing light source and a series of bright stars in the galaxy, possibly a distant galaxy or a series of stars.



7. The 19-year-old man confessed to killing his brother, Boulder County, Colorado, in the 1990s. The man's father said the man's father was a police officer.



8. Ford Motor Co. is planning to build 14 plants and cut more than 25,000 jobs, 25 percent of its North American workforce in 2012. The second-largest U.S. automaker is restructuring to reverse a \$1.1 billion loss last year.



9. To get a better picture of the series of highway shootings in a rural White, Kentucky, police, wounded together and among others.



10. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, population growth is 100 million. The formula used to track population, considered birth, death, and migration, is the number of China and India are more populous.



11. Archaeologists found a village of small houses and a large stone structure, which is a Stonehenge-like temple, possibly a village of small houses and a large stone structure, which is a Stonehenge-like temple.



12. Florida Representative Mark Foy, resigned after it was revealed that he committed a sexual offense with a minor, a former White House aide.



13. The Willis Tower in Chicago, which is the tallest building in the world, is the tallest building in the world.

14. Plans were unveiled for the revised Freedom Tower at Ground Zero, which will be the tallest building in the world, is the tallest building in the world.

15. An earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale hit Hawaii on October 23, causing a landslide that killed a person. A major earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale hit Hawaii on October 23, causing a landslide that killed a person.



16. Hawaii: Kailua-Kona, a small town on the island of Hawaii, is a small town on the island of Hawaii.



17. Google: The search engine Google, which is the most popular search engine in the world, is the most popular search engine in the world.



18. YouTube: The video-sharing website YouTube, which is the most popular video-sharing website in the world, is the most popular video-sharing website in the world.

POPULAR TV SHOWS

- My Name Is Earl
- The Office
- American Idol
- Dancing with the Stars
 - My Boys
 - Studio 60
 - 30 Rock
- Prison Break
 - The Class
- Two and a Half Men
 - Medium
 - The Closer
- The Amazing Race
- The New Adventures of Old Christine

HIT MOVIES

- Da Vinci Code
- Mission Impossible III
- Ice Age: The Meltdown
 - Talledega Nights
- You, Me & Dupree
- Gridiron Gang
- The Devil Wears Prada
 - Open Season
 - Grudge II
- Man of the Year
 - Borat
 - Happy Feet
- Casino Royale
 - Click
- The Pursuit of Happyness
- Charlotte's Web
 - Babel



1. ABC's *Laguna Beach* won the Golden Globe for best actress, and she landed her first major acting role.



2. NBC's new *Desperate Housewives* premiered last fall to a record, peaking the network's post-9 p.m. lineup. The show's premiere drew 10.1 million viewers, making it the highest rating for any ABC comedy premiere in 10 years.



3. *Grey's Anatomy* won the Golden Globe for best actress, and it won the 2006 Emmy for best medical drama. The show's premiere drew 10.1 million viewers, making it the highest rating for any ABC comedy premiere in 10 years.



4. Hugh Grant won the Golden Globe for best actor, and he won the Best Razzie Award for his performance in *House of Wax*.



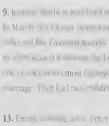
5. Mary J. Blige won the Grammy for best R&B album, and she won the Best R&B Song and Best R&B Female Vocal Performance for "Be Without You."



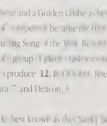
6. Ashley Judd won the Golden Globe for best actress, and she won the Best Actress Award for her performance in *The Hours*.



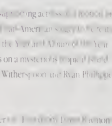
7. Matt Damon won the Golden Globe for best actor, and he won the Best Actor Award for his performance in *The Good Shepherd*.



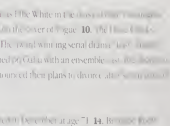
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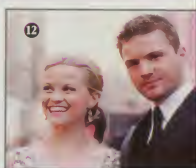
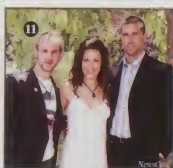
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8. Produced by Pixar and from a script by John Lasseter, *Cars* (PG) is a fun, fast-paced animated film that features a cast of characters that includes Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson), Mater (Larry the Cable Guy), and Doc Hudson (Paul Newman). The film is a fun, fast-paced animated film that features a cast of characters that includes Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson), Mater (Larry the Cable Guy), and Doc Hudson (Paul Newman). The film is a fun, fast-paced animated film that features a cast of characters that includes Lightning McQueen (Owen Wilson), Mater (Larry the Cable Guy), and Doc Hudson (Paul Newman).

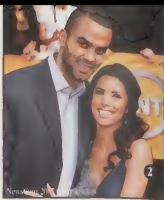


VILES



1. When Justin Timberlake released his second solo disc, *"FutureSex/LoveSounds"*, in September, it debuted at number one on the *Billboard* chart, selling 184,000 copies its first week. He won Grammy awards for "SexyBack" and "My Love," and his album was nominated in two other categories. In addition, he starred in his biggest film role to date when he teamed up with Bruce Willis, Shannyn Sossamon, Ben Foster and Emile Hirsch in *"Alpha Dog,"* a January 2007 release about a young drug dealer and his involvement in a massive kidnapping.

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2. San Antonio Spurs point guard Tim Parker and actress Eva Longoria plan to wed in January in the summer of 2007.



5. The CBS morning show got a new look with Tim Raitt's arrival after 44 years with the network. In September, Kate Gosselin, who left NBC's *"Today"* show in May, became the first female anchor of a major evening news show.



9. The once-hot teenage soul "The OC" was cancelled as of Feb. 22, 2007. Costarring Schwartz said, "The finale will bring real closure to the story we began telling four years ago."

12. Kelly Clarkson, winner of *"American Idol"* in 2002, announced her partnership with NASCAR.

13. Singer/songwriter/guitarist John Mayer released his third studio album, *"Continuum,"* on September 14. Shakira's "Hips Don't Lie" set the record for most downloads sold in a single week.





4. Jeff Bridges and Kiefer Sutherland won 2006 Oscars for Outstanding Drama Series and Best Actor in a Drama Series



4. Johnny Depp returned to the big screen as Captain Jack Sparrow in *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, which opened on July 7, 2006, to the top single-day gross ever



6. Katharine Close, *Food Network* show host, bestselling cookbook author and editor in chief of her own magazine, added talk show host to her resume



7. Bear Stearns grew up just a few blocks prior to the Manhattan Museum of Natural History, the setting of his 2006 movie *"Night at the Museum"*



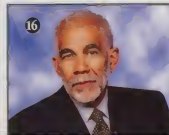
8. Kenny Chesley, 2007 *"Country Male Vocalist of the Year"* and 2006 CMA Performer of the Year, sold 1.3 million tickets to 2006-making *"The Road & The Radio"*, the most attended tour of any genre in North America last year



10. Presume of Def Jam Records rapper Jimi took on several new roles this year. In his solo *"Motivation"* album he describes as mature and reflective, he made a documentary about the global water shortage. The U.S. lauded his efforts as humanitarian. 11. James Brown, the "Godfather of Soul," died of pneumonia on Christmas Day at 73



15. While wedding bell rumors persisted for Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie, Pitt told *Esquire* magazine that the couple has no plans to marry until "everyone else in the country who wants to be married is legally able." 16. Ed Bradley, veteran CBS newsmen who broke racial barriers at the network, died in November of leukemia. 17. Taylor Hicks, a 29-year-old from Birmingham, Alabama, was named the fifth "American Idol." Hicks fans, the "Soul Patrol," found his raw singing, like his crazy dance moves and his unlikely mop of grey hair irresistible. 18. *The Departed*, a remake of the popular 2002 Hong Kong crime thriller *"Infernal Affairs,"* won four Oscars: Best Picture, Best Director (Martin Scorsese's first of seven previous nominations), Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Film Editing



MTV celebrated 25 years on the air in August, 2006 and continued to expand coverage and affect programming with shows like "TRL," "Control Freak," "Road Rules," "My Sweet 16," "Real World" and "Underage and Engaged."

A Sacramento radio station fired 10 employees when a listener died following an on-air water drinking contest. While 18 contestants were vying for a Nintendo Wii console, a nurse called in to warn about water intoxication and was ignored.

Queen Elizabeth II bestowed honorary knighthood on U2's Bono, recognizing his humanitarian work, particularly his campaign against poverty in Africa.

A New Jersey eighth grader took home top honors—and more than \$42,000 in cash and prizes—as winner of the 2006 Scripps National Spelling Bee. Katharine Close, the first girl to win since 1999, spelled "ürspache" to win the televised bee.

Anna Nicole Smith's death was surrounded by questions and controversy from the start. The blonde 39-year-old with a newborn, an ongoing estate battle and a tabloid lifestyle died in a Florida hotel on Feb. 8, 2007. Within days, three men claimed paternity of her five-month-old heiress daughter.

Weddings made news in the world of entertainment. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes tied the knot in Italy in November 2006. In June, the former Mrs. Cruise, Nicole Kidman, married country star Keith Urban in her native Australia. Avril Lavigne and Sum 41 frontman Deryck Whibley had a summer wedding in California.

Hollywood divorces were in the news too. Britney Spears and Kevin Federline (2 yrs.), Heather Locklear and Richie Sambora (11 yrs.), Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown (14 yrs.), Pamela Anderson and Kid Rock (3 months) and Heather Mills and Paul McCartney (4 yrs.) all called it quits.

After 35 years as host of "The Price is Right" and 50 years in TV, Bob Barker, 83, will retire in June 2007.

SPORT



For his spectacular performance Manning threw a 44-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter Sunday night. Despite that performance, Manning didn't make it through the rest of the game. Manning completed 25 of 38 passes for 247 yards and two touchdowns in the Colts' 20-17 victory over the New York Giants. Manning's throw was a game of inches. It was the first Super Bowl featuring a pair of black quarterbacks. Manning became the first black quarterback to win a Super Bowl and the first African American NFL champion in the city of Indianapolis.

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2. The Carolina Hurricanes, dismissed by many hockey fans as a perennial loser, won the 2006 NHL championship by defeating the Stanley Cup rival Anaheim Ducks 4 games over the Edmonton Oilers. The Hurricanes' captain, former Florida Panthers defenseman Cam "The Notch" Siro, was named winner of the Conn Smythe Trophy as the league's top defenseman.



3. Kentucky Derby winner Kennebec, who was euthanized in January after months of health problems, The Thoroughbred bred and raced in the Preakness.



4. Tennis ace Andre Agassi became the first man ever to win both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open back-to-back three years in a row.



5. Maryland Blue Crabs celebrate after winning the 2006 NCAA Women's Ice Hockey Championship. The Terrapins beat Duke, 7-0, in overtime. The winning shot was by senior forward Lauren Coates. The game was the first in the series.



6. San Francisco Giants star Barry Bonds broke Babe Ruth's record of 73 home runs in a May 20 home game at Petco Park. Agassi's record of 755 hit ended the 2006 season with 741 homers. 7. Italian soccer captain Fabio Capello was named the 2006 FIFA World Cup MVP.



8. Tiger Woods' winnings surpassed the \$60 million mark and he won a record 13th PGA Tour title. 9. Duke won the 2006 NCAA basketball title and North Carolina's star player, Tyler Hansbrough, was named the 2006 NCAA Most Outstanding Player. 10. Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning his first Daytona 500, becoming the first 12-year-old to win the race. Harvick, who led the NASCAR season opener for 26 laps.

11. Third-seed Maria Sharapova won the U.S. Open, defeating No. 2 seed Justine Henin-Hardenne. 12. Norway's Andreas Wigg was the star of Winter X Games 11, winning gold medals in both Best Snowboarder and Best Snowboarder. 13. Miami Heat coach Pat Riley and his team overcame a two-game series deficit to defeat the Dallas Mavericks in six games of the best-of-seven series. 14. Lorena Ochoa was named the LPGA Player of the Year.



When Tiger Woods won his 13th major championship in July 2006 by capturing the British Open, it was his final victory since his father, Earl, succumbed to cancer in May. While speculation swirled whether he'd be able to focus after the death, Woods continued toward Jack Nicklaus' record of 18 titles when he captured his 12th a month later with a five-shot victory at the 88th PGA Championships.

The Tour de France victory went to an American rider for the eighth year straight as Californian Floyd Landis rebounded to win his fifth race of the year.

The Saudi first baseman in the Little League World Series attracted lots of attention during the August tournament in South Williamsport, PA. Aaron Durley, 13, stood 6-feet, 8-inches tall, weighed 256 pounds and wore size 19 shoes.

On Sept. 25, 2006, the Louisiana Superdome reopened for the first time since Hurricane Katrina. The sold-out stadium went wild as U2 and Green Day sang "The Saints Are Coming," and the home-team Saints beat the Atlanta Falcons 23-3.

On Jan. 1, 2007 Texas Tech coach Bobby Knight became the winningest Division I college basketball coach when victory #880 put him ahead of former UNC great Dean Smith.

Retirement changed the landscape of American sports; Cowboys coach Bill Parcells called it quits after two Super Bowl titles and 19 years as an NFL coach, and 77-year-old Arnold Palmer played his last round of professional golf in October. Other retirements of note: Patriots QB Doug Flutie, 15-season Philadelphia Steelers coach Bill Cowher, Houston Astros slugger Jeff Bagwell and long-time Temple basketball coach and Hall of Famer John Chaney.

Fans mourned the loss of New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle, whose small plane crashed into a NYC apartment building, and Baseball Hall of Famer Kirby Puckett, who died of a stroke at age 45. Longtime coaches Red Auerbach (Boston Celtics) and Bo Schembechler (Michigan football) also died.





1. World Series MVP **Adam Wainwright** topped the NL Champion Detroit Tigers to become the 10th pitcher to win the World Series. Wainwright won four RBIs in Games 4 and 5, but the losing pitcher RBI groundout that began the winning run. The 30-year-old was the Cardinals' tenth — there's at least 10 — but their first since 1982. (Tom La Russa) In contrast, the second pitcher in the history of baseball to win a series game in both leagues.



2. As the new American diplomatic envoy to France, Michelle Kwan will travel the world promoting American values.



3. To his great friend, Andre Agassi said I with an emotional farewell at the U.S. Open after a third round loss. 4. Daytona 500 and Brickyard winner Jimmie Johnson eventually won the Nextel Cup title and was named Driver of the Year.



5. The most recognized soccer player in the world went Hollywood. David Beckham signed a deal worth a reported \$250 million in salary and commercial endorsements to play with the Los Angeles Galaxy.

6. Bowl Championship Series MVP Chris Leak quarterbacked the Florida Gators to a 41-14 thrashing of Ohio State and the national title. 7. Serena Williams, ranked 81st, won the Australian Open, beating top-seeded Maria Sharapova.



